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ADMIRING HIS WORK: Guly do Prado watches his first-half shot beat Steve Mildenhall on its way into the back of the net.

Guly strike KOs Londoners

TERRY PAINE



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SAINTS 1 MILLWALL 0: ST MARY'S VICTORY

GULY STRIKE REWRITE THE

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Saints got off to an absolute flyer as a well worked corner routine saw Jose Fonte have a sight of goal before the ball quickly came off David Connolly and went just wide.

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tunity to have a go with a free kick 20 yards out just to the right of centre.

He caught the ball cleanly but it was deflected wide.

Saints were looking slick and confident, as well they might after such a superb start to the campaign.

Millwall were being restricted to trying to contain Saints rather than being able to enjoy too many attacking ambitions of their own.

Their best hope in the early stages was a set piece and they did win a free kick just outside the area on 13 minutes.

Hameur Bouazza took it but smashed it straight into the wall.

Darius Henderson got the ball out to Bouazza moments later but the winger's shot across goal went just wide.

Saints got the lead their dominance probably deserved on 18 minutes.

Guly do Prado was found by a smart pass from Jack Cork that put him through one-on-one with keeper Steve Mildenhall and capitalised on his hesitance to finish past him and make it 1-0.

There was a bit of a fiery response to the goal at the Northam End which housed both Saints and Millwall fans but the police and stewards managed to calm the situation down.

Against the run of play Millwall had a half chance after a cross from James Henry but John Marquis' header went harmlessly wide.

Lambert tried an audacious effort from 30 yards but couldn't hit the target.



Millwall started to get themselves back into the game and respond to going a goal down, forcing Saints to do a little more defending.

However, Saints were still full of belief and that was helping them to make life tough for the Lions, no matter how much more they were growing into the match.

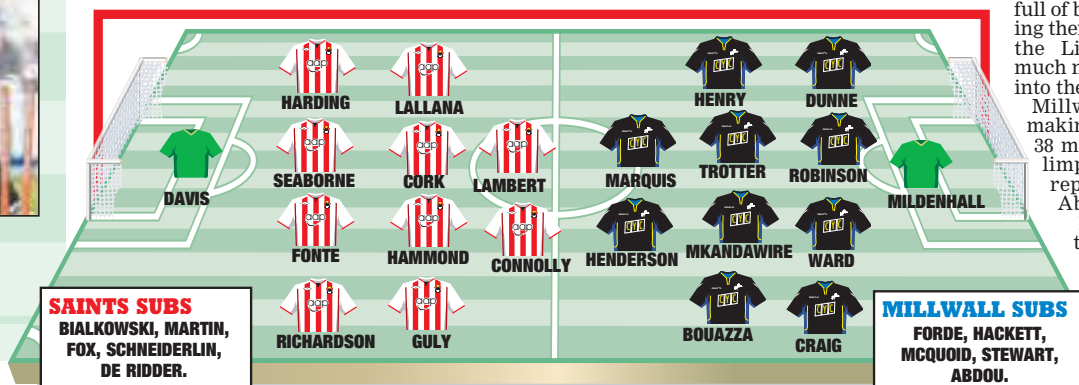
Millwall were forced into making their first change on 38 minutes as Liam Trotter limped off injured to be replaced by Jimmy Abdou.

Marquis tried his luck two minutes later but it was an easy save for Kelvin Davis.

Henderson had an appeal for a penalty waved away as he believed Dan Harding was holding him in the area.

Mkandawire had a half chance in first half stoppage time but fired well over the bar.

When the half-time whistle blew it was Saints who went in with their 1-0 still intact but having lost just a little of their impetus.



NIGEL Adkins named an unchanged side once more as Saints welcomed Millwall to St Mary's.

With no fresh injury concerns or suspensions the starting 11 and the subs bench were exactly the same

TEAM NEWS

as for the 5-2 demolition of Ipswich at Portman Road on Tuesday night. It was the third game in a row that Adkins had named the same side.

Rickie Lambert and Guly do Prado were those being pushed hardest in the early season as their appearances against Millwall meant they had both started all five of Saints' games in the opening fortnight of the campaign.

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Saints Spotlight

BRINGS BEST EVER START TO LEAGUE CAMPAIGN

HELPS SAINTS RECORD BOOKS

Gritty display delights Adkins

NIGEL Adkins was relieved to see his Saints side continue their perfect start to the season with a hard fought victory against Millwall at St Mary's.

If the win over Ipswich last Tuesday night was all about attacking flair, the 1-0 victory against Millwall was about grit and determination.

That was much to the delight of Saints boss Adkins.

He said: "It was a good three points and what a hard game it was.

"We knew it would be because Kenny Jackett's teams are always very competitive but I thought we played really good football for the first 20 minutes but when we look at it all the energy's been drained out of us I think.

"We've had a couple of long trips and it was scorching hot out there and the lads had to work very hard but what great character they showed.

"It was a super goal from Do Prado and then the character to grind out that result.

"It was a clean sheet, three points, the crowd stayed with us because they could see it was a tough game for us but at the end of the day we've got that mentality about ourselves and we showed it again."

● For more match reaction, pictures and analysis don't miss Monday's *Daily Echo*.



LEFT: Jose Fonte and Darius Henderson square up to each other.

RIGHT: Jack Cork and Darren Ward battle for the ball.

BELOW: No quarter given as Danny Fox and Alan Dunne go for the ball.



as it was a pretty tight and tense affair.

Saints did force Milldenhall into a save as Lambert's free kick found the head of Fonte but the Millwall keeper was able to keep it out at the near post.

Henderson became the first man in the book after jumping into Dan Seaborne.

Bouazza had a go from 30 yards but it fizzed wide.

There was a bigger scare as Henderson knocked the ball down with his head and it ricocheted off the on-running Abdou but Davis was alert to the danger and responded well to make the save.

Saints were just about clinging on to their lead and Millwall came even closer moments later.

Bouazza's corner picked out the head of Paul Robinson who found Mkwandwire at the back post.

He stabbed towards goal where Davis made an excellent save at point blank range before a rebound found McQuoid with Davis and Frazer Richardson getting it clear.

Danny Fox was given a home debut as he replaced Adam Lallana on 62 minutes.

James Henry was the second man in the book after a late challenge on Richardson.

Adkins made his final change on 69 minutes with Steve De Ridder on for David Connolly with the new man on the right of midfield and Do Prado playing deep off of Lambert.

Lambert hit a superb free kick from about 35 yards but it whistled just over.

Bouazza found himself with time and space to have a shot from inside the area but fired when he should have done better.

Robinson was shown a yellow card for a foul on Do Prado.

Millwall made their final switch with Chris Hackett replacing Bouazza.

It was beginning to look as though it might be a bit of a tense finish for Saints.

Both sides were struggling to find much fluency and you expected the final minutes of the game to probably see an aerial assault on the Saints defence as Millwall push forward.

When the fourth official held up the board it showed four minutes of stoppage time for Saints to try and hold on for.

They actually managed to do it with relative ease compared to much of the second half and proved they are not just all about attacking flair but have defensive steel when required as well.



BEST FOOT FORWARD: Steve De Ridder, right, and Tony Craig.

Both sides made a half-time change. For Saints it was in the centre of midfield with Morgan Schneiderlin replacing Dean Hammond.

For Millwall it was their second of the match as Josh McQuoid came on for Marquis in attack.

It took McQuoid just two minutes to get involved with a shot that went just over the bar.

Schneiderlin was not to be outdone and also chanced his arm but his effort went well wide.

The start of the second period was much like the end of the first

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Alex has to sit it out after big move

ALEX CHAMBERLIAN had to sit on the bench and suffer as Liverpool recorded their first away win over Arsenal since 2000 to heap more misery on the Gunners.

The Saints youngster, pictured, who went to Arsenal in a move rumoured to be worth £12m was an unused substitute as the Mersey team won 2-0.

Arsene Wenger's team also had Emmanuel Frimpong sent off and lost injured centre-back Laurent Koscielny in their defeat at Emirates Stadium.

Samir Nasri impressed for the Gunners, despite being expected to join Manchester City, but Arsenal's luck was out after Aaron Ramsey's own goal and a last-minute strike from substitute Luis Suarez handed the visitors victory.

Arsene Wenger – who now has half his first-choice team out because of suspension or injury – must regroup his squad for next week's crucial Champions



League play-off second leg in Udinese and the small margin of a trip to Manchester United.

Nasri – whose £22million move to City is, according to reports on French TV, said to have broken down – did not applaud the crowd as the teams came out of the tunnel, and was then jeered by some sections of the Emirates Stadium faithful when his name was announced.

Koscielny added to Wenger's defensive problems when he pulled up with what looked like a lower back injury on 14 minutes and had to be replaced by youngster Ignasi Miquel, the Spaniard making his Premier League debut.

Liverpool almost took the lead on 20 minutes when Andy Carroll's towering header at the far post brought a brilliant save from Wojciech Szczesny.

With 20 minutes left, Arsenal were reduced to 10 men when Frimpong was shown a second yellow card when he left his foot up in a 50/50 with Lucas, right in front of the referee.

Liverpool snatched a fortunate lead on 78 minutes when, as Suarez darted into the six-yard box, Miquel's clearance cannoned off Ramsey's chest and back over the keeper into the net.

A miserable afternoon for the Gunners was compounded in the final minute when Suarez tapped in from close range following a quick counter-attack.

Saints Spotlight

Legends lend help to heroes

THE Ex-Saints Association have revealed they will host a major benefit match in aid of Help for Heroes next month.

The game will see the Joint Services football team take on a squad of Ex Saints Stars at Eastleigh's Silverlake Stadium.

It is hoped that the day will raise well in excess of £10,000.

Names already confirmed include Matt Le Tissier, Jimmy Case, Iain Dowie, Rod Wallace, Franny Benali, Glenn Cockerill, David Hughes, Dave Beasant and Nick Holmes, to name a few.

Famous Dell winger John Sydenham will also be making a non-playing guest appearance, as he travels over from his home in Australia for the match.

As well as being able to watch their favourite Saints legends, supporters will have a chance to mix with some of the brave men and women who have been injured while fighting for their

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country. The wounded servicemen will all be introduced to the crowd before the match.

Mike Thew, of the Ex-Saints Association, explained the organisation's delight at being able to support Help for Heroes.

"It is an absolutely magnificent charity, and we are so delighted to be supporting it," he said.

"Until you talk to these



poor guys who have been injured, you don't realise what they are actually going through.

"I really hope that people will come to the game and help support them."

Thew also thanked Eastleigh on behalf of the Ex-Saints for their generosity in holding the match.

"Eastleigh have been ever so helpful," he said.

"They have been tremendous from the

moment we first spoke to them about the game."

A host of extra entertainment is being lined up for the day, while there will also be draws for signed footballs from the match.

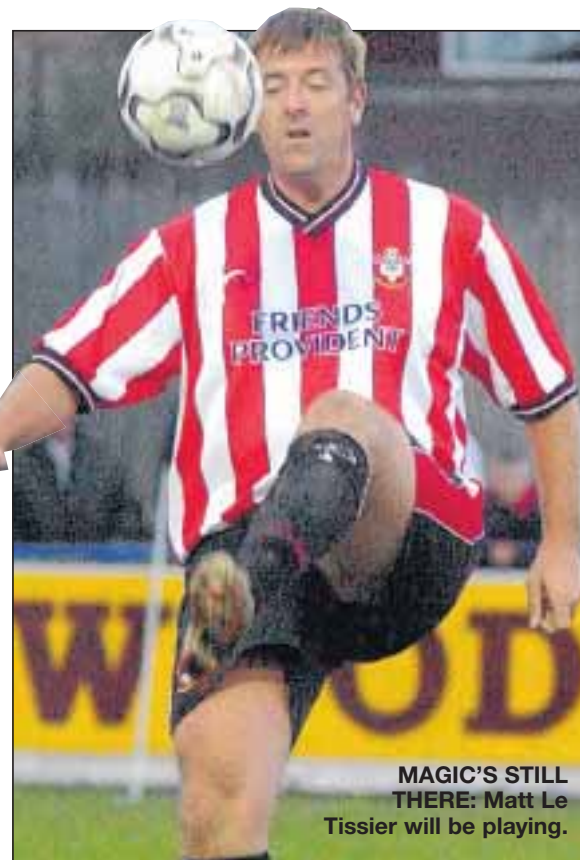
The Ex-Saints have been given a brand new kit for the game, courtesy of H.A. Fox, who have also donated two Thruxton Jaguar track days and two Land Rover rough terrain course days for the draw.

The match will take place on Sunday, September 25, with a 2.30pm kick-off.

Tickets, which must be bought in advance, will go on sale from next Tuesday via The Mayflower Theatre's booking line, 023 8071 1811.

Prices are £12 for adults, £4 for under-16s, and free for children up to the age of six. A combined adult and child ticket can be bought for £14.

For more details, visit mayflower.org.uk, or email Mike Thew on m.thew@btinternet.com.



MAGIC'S STILL THERE: Matt Le Tissier will be playing.

Players get a kick out of tournament



KEITH GRANGER

A LOCAL company's football tournament has been hailed as a groundbreaking success.

The Football Garage & ETC's Elite Garage festival, which was a 3 v 3 tournament, held at Wide Lane, Eastleigh, welcomed well over 200 players and scouts from many different professional clubs, **writes ADAM LEITCH.**

"I have been to hundreds of 6-a-side tournament but have never seen anything like this, it was fantastic," said one scout.

The 3 v 3 concept created more passing, dribbling, receiving, interception

opportunities for every player which helps develop their game sense and understanding.

One parent said: "I am the biggest critic when it comes to coaching in this country but I have to say this is brilliant."

Read and react

"It really teaches players how to read and react within the game."

Former Saints keeper Keith Granger, from TFG, added: "At a recent under-12 '11 v 11' tournament two players were analysed for six minutes and they had a

total of five touches of the ball between them!

"The average amount of touches each player had during our six minutes games was in excess of 70 each – just imagine how many decisions they had to make and how many situations the players were put into to learn, it was rewarding to see."

Granger said: "We played this 3 v 3 event with a secret twist which challenged the players/managers alike to solve problems within the game."

"We have already had a massive interest into our next festival which will

have a different theme to encourage players to play with individuality and flare whilst reducing the pressure so players can play with 'No Fear' of making mistakes.

"We have been approached by several clubs who have shown an interest in taking part in a similar event in the future which may run parallel to the grassroots clubs."

"This will give the grassroots clubs a chance to see what the pros do as well as giving the professional clubs an opportunity to run their eyes over the local talent at the same time."

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Saints Spotlight



Down Memory Lane



Saints' away joy

SAINTS' midweek romp at Ipswich was only the 15th time in over 1,200 post-war attempts that the club have scored five or more goals in an away league match.

And despite the impressive margin of the 5-2 win at Portman Road, Saints have still had nine better away victories since the Football League resumed in 1946/47.

Three times the club have won 6-0, with the latest coming earlier this year at Oldham. Prior to that, Saints had twice won by the same sensational scoreline in the second tier – at Carlisle in 1976/77 and Wolves in 2006/07.

Saints have belted six goals in three other away games, including one in



RECORD ROUT: Marek Saganowski celebrates one of his three goals at Wolves in 2007

the old First Division.

That was when Ron Davies netted four times and Martin Chivers twice in a 6-2 victory at Chelsea's Stamford Bridge in 1967.

On the right hand side of this page, the Sports Pink lists all Saints' 15 away league games in which they have bagged five or more goals.

GOAL: Richard Chaplow scores in the 6-0 win at Oldham.



GOAL: Adam Lallana scores for Saints in their midweek 5-2 romp at Portman Road.



GREAT AWAY WIN: Andrew Surman and Marek Saganowski, right, at Wolves, March 2007.

FIVE OR MORE GOALS FOR SAINTS IN AWAY LEAGUE GAMES

Carlisle 0 Saints 6, Jan 1977
Holmes 2, Peach, Channon, Osgood, MacDougall

Wolves 0 Saints 6, Mar 2007
Marek Saganowski 3, Breen og, Best, Surman

Oldham 0 Saints 6, Jan 2011
Chamberlain, Lallana, Do Prado, Chaplow, Lambert, Barnard

Mansfield 1 Saints 6, 1958
Reeves 4, Paine, Hoskins

Chelsea 2 Saints 6, 1967
Davies 4 Chivers 2

Wolves 2 Saints 6, 1976
Holmes 2, Channon 2, Earles, McCalliog

Bury 1 Saints 5, 1964
Paine 2 O'Brien 2 Chivers

Aldershot 1 Saints 5, 1957
Reeves 2, Paine 1 Roper, Mulgrew

Bristol Rovers 1 Saints 5, April 2010
Lambert 2, Schneiderlin, Lallana, Puncheon

Portsmouth 2 Saints 5, 1966
Dean 3, Chivers

Charlton 2 Saints 5, 1964
Burnside 2, Paine, O'Brien, Sydenham

Ipswich 2 Saints 5, Aug 2011
Lambert 2, Lallana 2, Connolly

Cardiff 3 Saints 5, 1965
Chivers 3, Paine 2

Colchester 3 Saints 5, 1955
Brown, Mulgrew, Day, Walker, Hoskins

Norwich 4 Saints 5, April 1994
Le Tissier 3, Bound, Monkou

Saints have also scored five or more goals in five away cup ties since the war.

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS CUP

5-2 (v Carrick Rangers, 1976/77)
Channon 2, Stokes, McCalliog, Osgood

FA CUP

6-1 (v Walton & Hersham, 1957/58)
Reeves 4 Hoskins, Mulgrew

5-1 (v Manchester City, 1959/60)
Reeves 4, O'Brien

LEAGUE CUP

5-2 (v Birmingham, 1978-79)
Boyer 2, MacDougall 2, Peach

5-0 (v Rochdale, 1990-91)
Shearer 2 Horne, Wallace, Ruddock

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Sports Quiz

- 1 For which Aviva Premiership club does Danny Care play?
- 2 In which year did David Nalbandian reach the Wimbledon final?
- 3 Who is the reigning women's world high jump champion?
- 4 Former West Ham midfielder Thomas Hitzlsperger has joined which German club?
- 5 Who is the coach of Salford City Reds?
- 6 Tony Fernandes owns which Formula 1 team?
- 7 Who wears the number six shirt for Chelsea?
- 8 How old is Rafael Nadal?
- 9 In what year was the first Ebor festival?
- 10 Rob Powell coaches which Super League side?
- 11 From which club did Arsenal sign Gervinho?
- 12 Who was the last American man to win golf's US Open?



RAFAEL NADAL: How old is he?

- 13 Which team will Wales face in their opening game at the Rugby World Cup next month?
- 14 Who is the highest-ranked non-European in the women's world tennis rankings?
- 15 Brett Favre spent the majority of his 20-year NFL career with which team?
- 16 In which year did Michael Schumacher win his first Formula One world championship?
- 17 Graham Turner is the manager of which npower League Two club?
- 18 Australia centre Matt Giteau will join which team after this year's Rugby World Cup?
- 19 Who rode Comply or Die to victory at the 2008 Grand National?
- 20 In which country would you find top-flight football teams called Metalurgi Rustavi, Spartaki Tskhinvali and FC Gagra?
- 21 Who did Andy Robinson succeed as Scotland's rugby union coach in 2009?
- 22 How old is Hull midfielder Jimmy Bullard?
- 23 Scotland batsman Kyle Coetzer has joined which county on loan from Durham for the rest of the cricket season?
- 24 What is Tiger Woods' position in the world golf rankings?
- 25 What is the nickname of New Zealand's national basketball team?

ANSWERS

1 Harlequins; 2 2002; 3 Blanka Vlasic; 4 Wolfsburg; 5 Matt Parish; 6 Answers: 6 Lotus; 7 Orfot Romen; 8 25; 9 1843; 10 Harlequins; 11 Lille; 12 Lucas Glover (2009); 13 South Africa; 14 China's Li Na (fifth); 15 Green Bay Packers; 16 1994; 17 Shrewsbury; 18 Toulon; 19 Timmy Murphy; 20 Georgia; 21 Frank Hadden; 22 32; 23 Northern Ireland; 24 33rd; 25 The Tall Blacks.

BEAUTIFUL SOUTH

BY DAREN WHEELER

You say many things about following Saints, but you can't say it's boring.

After a start to the season that can only be described as sensational, Saints are absolutely flying and playing the best football many a generation has seen.

A good friend of mine, Janet Formby, who has followed Saints home and away religiously for years, told me this was the best Saints side she'd seen since the days of Keegan and Channon.

From someone like her, that's a huge compliment.

Saints have dumfounded even the most determined cynics.

A 3-1 win at home to highly fancied Leeds, a win at Barnsley followed by a superb 5-2 win against another highly fancied Ipswich side has seen Saints sit proudly, and deservedly, at the top of the Championship.

I've said it before but the Championship is going to be the league to watch this year, unpredictable, competitive and utterly compulsive viewing.

Wednesday's results showed that with Cardiff losing 3-1 at home to promoted Brighton and Leicester losing to a Bristol City side that had yet to gain a point.

Unpredictable probably doesn't quite cover it.

If nothing, the start to this season and the end to the previous one shows just how competitive League One is.

Of the three promoted sides last season, Norwich went up again to the Premiership and Leeds and Millwall both challenged for a play off place.

This season Saints and Brighton are first and second and Peterborough are a solid mid-table.

League One is a strong, strong league. Ask Leeds, it took them three years to get out of it.

Saints' strong start to the season gives the club a strong position when it comes to transfer actions.

Burnley are reported to have turned down a Saints approach for Jay Rodriguez and the rumoured transfer fee was in excess of £5million.

That's a fee I just can't see chairman Nicola Cortese paying.

Saints' bright, free-scoring start to the season means that a new striker would be nice but not exactly essential.

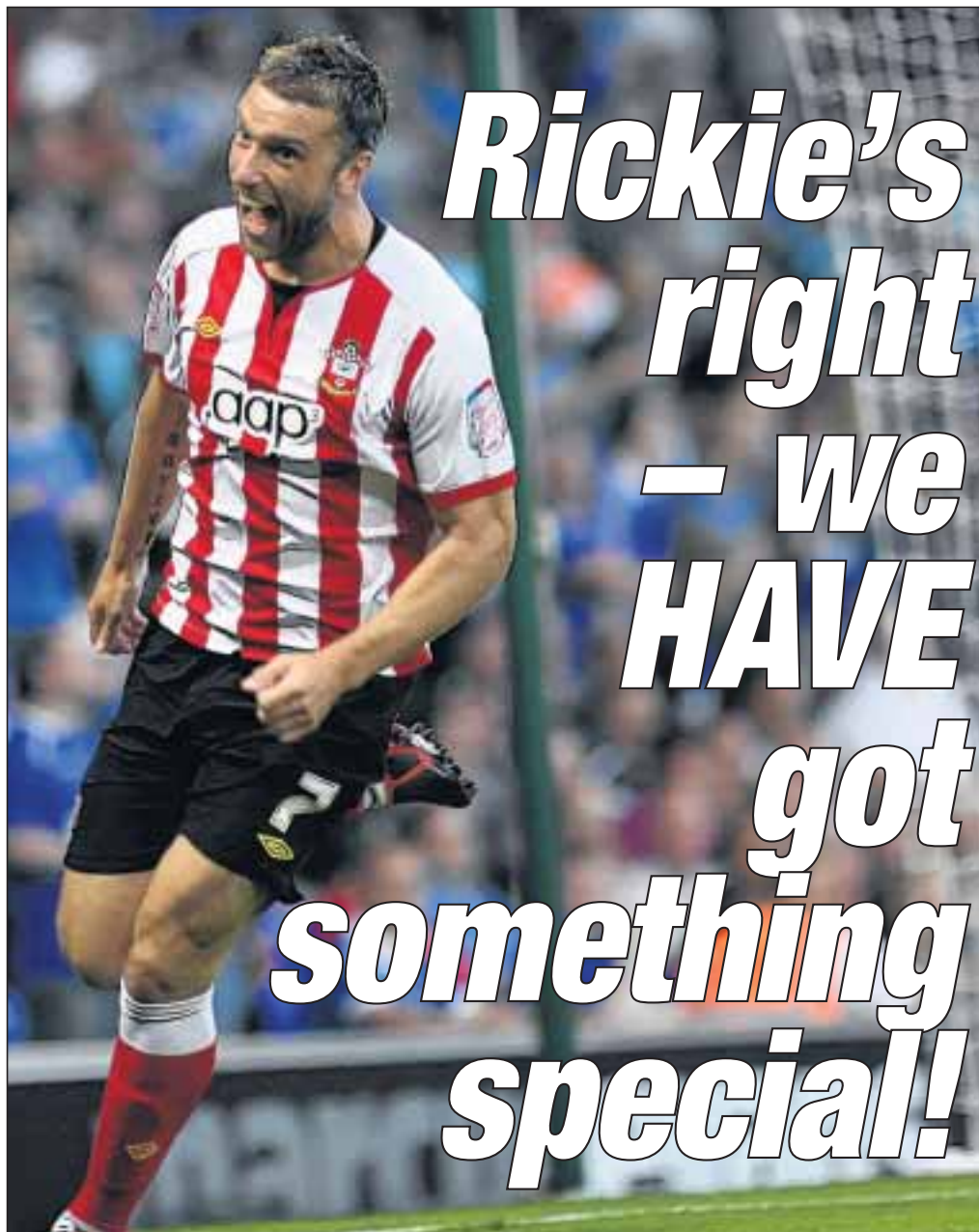
It means Burnley have to be contending for a play-off place at least, otherwise Rodriguez's future there may be somewhat uncertain.

There's nothing that drives the price of a footballer down more than a club that doesn't need them desperately and Rodriguez would be a nice addition but not absolutely necessary.

The team we have would appear to be on fire and, without getting carried away, you'd have to fancy our chances of doing what Norwich did last season and gain successive promotions.

Whilst we're flying high and looking impressive, there's always the worry that in getting promoted so quickly you don't have the time to settle and grow.

Though that's certainly an issue, this is a team that's obviously being



trusted to a long term future with Dan Harding now securing a contract until 2014.

As Lambert himself said recently: "We have been playing together for two to three years now and know each other inside out."

"We have something special here."

He appears to be absolutely right.

Another interesting thing about Saints is the amount of English players in the squad.

Only nine out of the first team squad of about 30 are not English and that's quite impressive.

Not impressive in some jingoistic, chest-thumping way but impres-

sive in so much as the squad we have has some identity within the local population.

Young English footballers successfully playing the game the way it should be can only be good for football in this country.

It begs the question: where does this all lead?

It's all too tempting to get over-excited by this, but then it's even easier to deliberately not get excited by it and desperately try and stay grounded.... but why should we?

After years of what can only be described as hell, Southampton FC

is on the rise.

We have one of the very best footballing academies in the country, a fine ground, a no nonsense chairman that seems to be able to do no wrong, all topped with as fine a squad as we've had in recent memory.

Why shouldn't we get excited? Why shouldn't we look forward rather than backwards?

We've probably suffered more than most fans over the last five years. We've earned the right to enjoy the good times that seem to be heading our way.

The truth about football is that believing we can do something special won't somehow jinx it.

No matter how superstitious we may be, belief never hurt anyone and there's nothing wrong with a little hope....

And there's a lot of hope at St Mary's at the moment.

Why shouldn't
we look forward?
Why shouldn't
we get excited?

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Paine's World

The Saints legend's **EXCLUSIVE** column on all things football

It didn't take long for Long

TO score on your debut for your new club is the perfect start to a new career.

And the Premier League's opening weekend saw a number of players making an instant impact with the supporters.

Although you might not necessarily be on the winning team, it does bring a certain amount of relief and instantly lifts the pressure of expectation to get off the mark at the first attempt.

Fernando Torres would have given a week's wages to have scored on his debut for Chelsea, after making his £50m transfer from Liverpool last season.

How much easier life would have been for the Spanish international had he found the back of the net in those early games.

There were no such troubles for Sebastian Larsson, the Swedish international who arrived from Birmingham as one of Sunderland manager Steve Bruce's many summer signings. The former Arsenal man hit a superb volley to bring his new club level with Liverpool and hold on to a vital away point.

Another player who made a goalscoring debut was Shane Long.

Transferred just two days before the start of the season to West Brom, from Reading, Long's tame shot from an acute angle dribbled past Manchester United's young Spanish keeper David de Gea to find the back of the net.

It was a goal that was completely against the run of play, allowing the Baggies a foothold in the game.

SHANE LONG

What was encouraging for Manchester United was the fact that, last season, took Wayne Rooney until New Year's Day to score his first goal from open play, but on Sunday it arrived after just 13 minutes.

Also, it took five away games for the team to register their first success on the road.

So, they would have been encouraged by such a quick start this time round, winning 2-1 at the Hawthorns.

The player to make the biggest impact on his debut during the opening weekend has to be the outstanding Sergio Aguero.

Manchester City's latest signing strolled onto the City of Manchester pitch to produce a stunning performance.

City were 1-0 up when he arrived in the game.

And Aguero had an immediate impact, not only scoring two goals and creating another one, but showing some fine technique, as well as working his socks off.

All this in just a half-hour's play was enough to leave newly-promoted Swansea gasping for breath.

The first glimpse of Aguero stamps him as a world class player and all Manchester City supporters must be over the blue moon with expectation.

Another reminder that no one player is bigger than club – I just hope a certain Carlos Tevez was watching.



WHERE DID THAT COME FROM? Keeper David de Gea sees Shane Long's shot hit the back of the net.

Arsene left with a lot to chew over

HE reminded me of a vulture picking over the remains of a corpse.

And, now that Cesc Fabregas is back in the arms of his beloved Barcelona, Samir Nasri we're told is just hours away from a move to Manchester City and Jack Wilshere is still

injured, it does suggest Arsene Wenger's Arsenal are down to the bare bones.

Wenger, on his lofty perch in the stands of the Emirates Stadium, was clearly agitated and nervous watching his Arsenal side inch their way to a 1-0 victory over Udinese, from Serie A, in this week's Champions League qualifier first leg. Every week it seems it is Arsenal who make the headlines, whether selling top players, failing to buy new ones, or having players sent off – as was the case at Newcastle last weekend.

I could not help thinking the last thing Wenger, pictured, needed was a red card for his summer signing, £11m striker Gervinho.

And, to exacerbate the situation, the video jury dished out a three-game suspension to Alex Song for stamp-

ing on Joey Barton.

The injury problems were compounded by Kieran Gibbs being replaced at half-time against Udinese with a hamstring problem.

Substitute Johan Djourou was removed with a similar injury, while Gael Clichy and Emmanuel Eboue are now gone, with Nicklas Bendtner expected to follow.

Arsenal have to face Liverpool at home on Saturday, followed by Udinese away in the second leg of their Champions League qualifier.

The heat has certainly been fully turned up on Arsenal's manager.

The club's supporters have already been heard chanting, urging the club to spend money.

Former Arsenal vice-chairman and close friend of Wenger's, David Dein, has suggested fans must support the manager or risk losing him. I would suggest, at

this particular time, losing him may not upset too many of Arsenal's followers.



FA Cup glory trail under way

IT'S that time of the year again – the oldest cup competition in the world begins this weekend.

This year's FA Cup will have a total of 763 clubs competing for the coveted trophy.

In all, 204 extra-preliminary games will be completed, then another preliminary round and four more qualifying rounds.

The first round proper takes place in November, with 40 fixtures, before Premier League clubs join in the third round proper in January.

I know it is a long way off, but, for all players involved, to be at this year's final, on May 5 at Wembley, should be of the utmost importance.

In my playing days, my ultimate dream was to run out at Wembley in an FA Cup final.

Sadly, the closest I came was the semi-final in 1963, when we lost 1-0 to Manchester United.

Saints Spotlight



SAINTS' FIRST TEAM FIXTURES AND RESULTS 2011/12



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AUGUST

Sat 6 Leeds H
 Tues 9 Torquay (CC1) H
 Sat 13 Barnsley A
 Tues 16 Ipswich A
 Sat 20 Millwall H
 Sat 27 Leicester A

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Lallana 1
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 Lambert 2

Connolly* 1
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SEPTEMBER

Sat 10 Notts Forest H
 Sat 17 Birmingham H
 Sat 24 Burnley A
 Wed 28 Cardiff A

OCTOBER

Sat 1 Watford H
 Sat 15 Derby A
 Tues 18 West Ham H
 Sat 22 Reading A
 Sat 29 Middlesbrough H

NOVEMBER

Tues 1 Peterborough H
 Sat 5 Coventry A
 Sat 19 Brighton H
 Sat 26 Bristol City A
 Tues 29 Hull H

DECEMBER

Sat 3 Doncaster A
 Sat 10 Blackpool H
 Sun 18 Portsmouth A
 Mon 26 Crystal Palace H
 Fri 30 Bristol City H

JANUARY

Mon 2 Brighton A
 Sat 14 Notts Forest A
 Sat 21 Leicester H
 Tues 31 Cardiff H

FEBRUARY

Sat 4 Birmingham A
 Sat 11 Burnley H
 Tues 17 West Ham A
 Sat 18 Derby H
 Sat 25 Watford A

MARCH

Sat 3 Leeds A
 Tues 6 Ipswich H
 Sat 10 Barnsley H
 Sat 17 Millwall A
 Tues 20 Hull A
 Sat 24 Doncaster H
 Sat 31 Blackpool A

APRIL

Sat 7 Portsmouth H
 Mon 9 Crystal Palace A
 Sat 14 Reading H
 Tues 17 Peterborough A
 Sat 21 Middlesbrough A
 Sat 28 Coventry H

We are TOP'the'league!

Well, when I wrote this, we were...

FOR the first time in more than 20 years of supporting Saints, I have finally seen it happen.

For in the last week, Saints sat proudly atop of the table.

As I have now seen the club play football in three of the four professional divisions, I guess you could argue it's taken a lot longer than it should have done, but hey, that's the price we pay for following Southampton.

It is kind of odd seeing that name at the top, despite the fact we spent the last couple of months of last term in second.

The manner in which the team beat Ipswich was particularly pleasing.

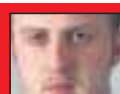
Conviction

I'm not pleased about the wobble which gave the Tractor Boys two goals back, but rather with the conviction and belief that enabled Saints to go on and score some more.

But when you've got players like Lallana and Schneiderlin strolling around midfield unchallenged, you're always going to be dangerous.

Ultimately, being top means absolutely nothing. After all, it is still only August.

But that shouldn't detract from the pleasure we can derive from it.



A VIEW FROM THE STANDS
with Saints fan Dan Kerins

And let's not forget there were many times in the Premier League when we were only one place above!

I guess I should also point out that I'm writing this before the Millwall match, so should we no longer be top by the time you read it, I take full responsibility.

Regardless, it has been a fantastic start to life back in the second tier.

The temptation now is to let notions of success run away with the imagination.

That would be as costly as



LOOKING GOOD: Star attraction Adam Lallana.

it is stupid. We all know pride is often followed by the proverbial fall and, when you're on top, the harder everyone else laughs when the rapid descent comes.

I'd imagine that bit of GCSE psychology has already been drilled into the players but it is worth us fans heeding it too.

After all, we're the ones who will suffer the biggest bite in the backside when going to work with a Pompey fan or for a pint with a West Ham supporter.

That's why I feel uncomfortable with the references to Saints being the 'South Coast Brazil'.

Brazil

I know it's just harmless fun and the away kit is obviously based on the South Americans, but I can't help but fear the worst when it comes to Saints.

Bizarrely, I have no problem singing "It's Just Like Watching Brazil" in the stand but, there you go.

So I hope Saints can carry on this superlative patch of form for as long as possible, but let's not get carried away too much.

At least not until May, anyway!



GOAL: Rickie Lambert jubilantly accepts his team-mates' congratulations at Ipswich.

	LA	LG	CA	CG	CSA	CSG
KELVIN DAVIS	3	0	0	0	227	0
BARTOSZ BIALKOWSKI	0	0	1	0	32(1)	0
TOMMY FORECAST	0	0	0	0	0	0
DANNY BUTTERFIELD	0	0	1	0	36(3)	0
FRAZER RICHARDSON	3	0	0	0	20(7)	0
DAN HARDING	3	0	0	0	90(3)	3
RYAN DICKSON	0	0	1	0	18(10)	1
BEN REEVES	0	0	0	0	0	0
JOSE FONTE	3	0	0	0	71	7
RADHI JAIDI	0	0	0	0	63(1)	4
AARON MARTIN	1	0	1	0	10(4)	0
DAN SEABORNE	2	0	1	0	32(15)	0

	LA	LG	CA	CG	CSA	CSG
STEVE DE RIDDER	0(3)	0	1	1	1(3)	1
RICHARD CHAPLOW	0(2)	0	1	1	41(8)	7
DEAN HAMMOND	3	1	0(1)	0	92(2)	11
JACK CORK	3	0	0	0	27(1)	0
MORGAN SCHNEIDERLIN	0(3)	0	1	0	92(18)	1
ADAM LALLANA	3	3	0(1)	0	128(19)	35
LEE HOLMES	0	0	1	0	16(14)	2
RICKIE LAMBERT	3	2	1	1	104(3)	57
LEE BARNARD	0	0	0	0	44(19)	24
GULY DO PRADO	3	0	1	0	30(12)	11
DAVID CONNOLLY	3	3	0	0	21(20)	14
JONATHAN FORTE	0	0	0(1)	1	2(9)	3

	LA	LG	CA	CG	CSA	CSG
RYAN DOBLE	0	0	0	0	0	0
DANNY FOX	0(1)	0	0	0	0(1)	0

KEY: LA: league appearances. LG: league goals. CA: cup appearances. CG: cup goals. CSA: career Saints appearances. CSG: career Saints goals.

Adam Rant

This week's big talking points
with **Adam Leitch**

Tiger's dreams burn less bright

THESE are words Adam Rant thought he would never find himself writing, certainly not for many years anyway ...

... You do wonder whether Tiger Woods is ever going to get his form back.

Arguably the greatest golfer of all time totally tanked it at the USPGA

Championship last week and failed to make the cut.

Sure, he is still coming back from injury and anybody who has had

serious knee problems knows how hard they can be to put right.

But even so, it is a surprise.

Woods' off-the-course antics obviously caught up with him and injury has played a big part.

Can he get it back, though?

If you'd have asked me even at the moment Tiger's world was totally collapsing around him, the answer would have been that he definitely would.

Ask now, though, and the answer would be far less certain.



Arsene feels the heat

IT FEELS as if the next week and a half could be a crossroads moment for Arsenal and, in particular, long-serving manager Arsene Wenger.

The pressure has increased on him after six trophy-less years and an apparent reluctance to splash the cash to try and rectify that in the most obvious way.

But now, having lost their talisman, Cesc Fabregas, and seemingly on the verge of selling one of their chief creative talents, Samir Nasri, something needs to happen quickly before the transfer window shuts at the end of the month.

Most Arsenal fans love Wenger.

Most neutrals love him. His brand of football is a joy to watch, attacking, positive, slick passing.

It is the very essence of the beautiful game.

People will pay good money to see his sides play.

Wenger also has strong principles on developing young talent in the right way, of not overspending in the transfer market.

But, as patient as the Gunners fans are, there is a time when foot-

balling emotion will triumph over philosophical logic. That moment is fast approaching.

No matter how great he is, Wenger needs to deliver a trophy.

Or at least show that the Gunners are on the verge of challenging for the Premier League title.

Without it, even he may end up on the receiving end of football's harshest treatment – a mutiny from some of the fans and, as unthinkable as it is at Arsenal, either losing his job or being shuffled sideways away from the dugout.

Terrific football

Most fair-minded people would admire Wenger and the way he generally goes about doing things and wish that he would avoid that fate.

Most neutrals would love to see Arsenal up there challenging for the title, because that means there would be some really terrific football being played.

That's the only way they know of winning.

But for that to happen now Wenger simply has to spend some

serious money.

His prudence may have helped finance the move to the Emirates, which is a massive legacy for the club. He may have been steadfast in his defiance over inflated transfer fees.

But he might be about to cut off his nose to spite his face because if he doesn't deliver he could be staring an unpalatable reckoning square in the eye.

There is no way that you could honestly fancy Arsenal to challenge for the title with the squad they have now, even more so if Nasri completes his move to Manchester City.

They will do well to hold on to fourth place. That will simply not be good enough.

Wenger's good points have always been thrust forward as a mask for some of the problems he has failed to rectify over the past few years and which have cost them – needing a better goalkeeper, better central defenders, a strong anchorman in midfield, another goalscorer.

For Wenger, now is the time to deliver these things. If he doesn't, then he risks time being called on him.

It can't keep on like this – can it?

SAINTS fans should take a moment to enjoy what is currently happening on the pitch at their club.

At the time of writing, they have made the perfect start to life in the Championship with three league wins on the spin.

With the stunning run-in at the end of the last campaign and electrifying start to this, records are being broken so thick and fast it's hard to keep up with them.

It's the stuff of dreams for Saints supporters and they simply must make sure they enjoy it while it lasts.

The players may, of course, continue this brilliant form which would see them promoted to the Premier League at the end of the season.

But football rarely works in such wondrous ways, especially when it comes to the Championship.

Even if Saints do have a remarkably good season, it's hard to imagine it being quite like this the whole way through.

Nigel Adkins was trying to make that exact point after Tuesday's 5-2 win over Ipswich.

His message was pretty clear – this is brilliant and long may it continue but, in reality, in a league that is so competitive as the Championship, there are likely to be some tougher days to come.

So let's remember these happy days when

we have the low ones.

The chances are that injuries and suspensions will hit at some point, that a few teams will just play really well against Saints because many sides have an abundance of quality at this level, that Saints' momentum may just run out for a while, that they could be worked out.

You would not be surprised if every team in the division – even the one that ends up winning the title – has a run of three games where they just cannot win, struggle to score, suddenly start to doubt themselves a little.

It's the nature of a division one step away from Premier League football.

To think Saints will be immune is very optimistic.

Maybe they will, though. We all hope so. But let's smell the roses at the moment and remember these happy feelings football can bring you and make the most of them, because this game has a habit of kicking you up the bum.



GOOD TIMES: Ricky Lambert scores.

Down Memory Lane

August 22, 1978

Saints' first home game back in the top flight is a 2-2 draw with Bolton, who were also newly promoted. Ted MacDougall and Graham Baker are on target.

August 22, 1987

Derek Statham makes his Saints debut in the red-hot atmosphere of a south coast derby at Fratton Park. Two goals from Colin Clarke give Saints a 2-2 draw.

August 23, 1968

Two goals from Ron Davies and one from Martin Chivers give Saints a 3-2 home win over Manchester City.

August 23, 1980

Saints win 2-1 at Sunderland with Chris Nicholl and Charlie George on target.

August 23, 1989

Two goals from Danny Wallace, his last for Saints, give Chris Nicholl's side a 2-1 win at Manchester City. A few



DANNY WALLACE

weeks later Wallace was back in Manchester – this time to sign for United.

August 23, 2000

Sub Jo Tessen scores a consolation goal as Saints' first home game of the season ends with a 2-1 loss to Gordon Strachan's Coventry in front of 14,801.

August 24, 1971

Goals from Hugh Fisher, Bobby Stokes and Tom Jenkins give Saints a 3-2 Dell win in the old First Division against Nottingham Forest, in front of a crowd of only 14,350.

August 24, 1992

Ken Monkou makes his debut in a 1-0 Dell loss to Manchester United.

August 25, 1984

Joe Jordan's Saints debut ends with a 3-1 loss at Middlesbrough on the opening day of the season. David Armstrong replies against his former club.



KEN MONKOU

Carling Cup draw will highlight *Great chance to*

IT was the plum draw of the Carling Cup second round.

Considering all the clubs in Europe this season weren't entering at this stage, it was left to five-times European Cup winners Liverpool to provide the mega glamorous name.

And my team, Exeter City, were drawn out to play them. At home.

Home to Liverpool, this was the stuff of dreams for a third division club.

The club quickly sent all Trust members an email informing us how we would get tickets for this, and I quote, 'once in a lifetime opportunity'.

Well, it would be ... had I not already seen Liverpool visit Exeter in the same competition 30 years ago.

Never mind, I was excited. After all, it'll be a rare chance to see Liverpool's reserve players in action.

Cynical? Me?

A collection of youngsters I've probably never heard of and some expensive signings that struggle to get a look-in at Anfield due to the size of the club's squad.

That's what we'll get to see masquerading under the banner of one of the greatest names in world football.

Hands up who knows Dani Pacheco, or Jay Spearing, or Nathan Eccleston?

Brad Jones? Danny Wilson? No, not the Sheffield United boss but the Scottish international who cost Liverpool £2m but has only played two Premiership games. Though that is still two more than £2.3m goalkeeper Jones.

All those five players appeared for Liverpool in the club's sole Carling Cup tie of last season, a humiliating Anfield loss to League 2 Northampton.

There were others I had heard of – Ryan Babel (cost £11.5m), Lucas (£5m), Daniel Agger (another £5m).

The subs bench was full of youngsters, including Paul Ince's son, Tom, and Jonjo Shelvey.

Tom Ince recently joined Blackpool, no doubt frustrated at a lack of chances at the club his dad once played for. Shelvey, Saints fans might remember, was a star performer for Charlton in the 2009/10 League One season prior to joining Liverpool for around £1.7m.

In all, the squad Roy Hodgson saw humbled by Northampton cost a succession of Liverpool managers around £30m.



HOW MANY OF THESE WILL FACE EXETER? Jordan Henderson, Charlie Adam, Alexander Doni and



No wonder the club have struggled so badly for silverware in recent times!

Now don't get me wrong, I'm delighted we've got Liverpool. Better their second string than Barnsley away or someone like that.

But it won't be the same as playing their first team, and we all know that.

It wasn't always like this, of course.

Once upon a time, the biggest clubs in the country fielded their first choice teams against lower division opposition.

When we played Liverpool

in 1981, in a two-legged League Cup tie, the Reds were the reigning European Cup holders.

For the first leg at Anfield, they fielded their entire first team, bar one.

All the legends were there – Neal, Thompson, Dalglish, Souness, etc.

Gangly

The only non regular at the time who faced Exeter back in October 1981 was a tall, gangly Welshman called Ian Rush, and he didn't turn out to be a bad player either.

Rush promptly scored twice – his first ever senior Liverpool goals – in a 5-0 win.

Despite the tie being patently over at the halfway stage, then Red boss Bob

Paisley obviously had no intentions of fielding a much changed side for the second leg in Devon.

None of this squad rotation malarkey, he promptly fielded eight of the 11 players who had appeared at home to Manchester United four days earlier.

I repeat, this for a game where Liverpool started with a 5-0 lead against a third division club.

Rush was again given a start – and again he scored twice – while Ronnie Whelan and Kevin Sheedy were also included.

Whelan went on to become a regular in the great Liverpool sides of the 1980s while Sheedy joined Everton the following year and was instrumental in them win-

ning two League titles and the European Cup Winners Cup within a few years.

Will Nathan Eccleston and Danny Wilson go on to enjoy such celebrated careers?

Anyway, despite the five-goal deficit, almost 12,000 turned up at Exeter to see the European kings drub us again, this time 6-0.

An 11-0 aggregate thrashing was a new League Cup aggregate record defeat.

A few years later Aston Villa beat it, in terms of goals scored, with a 12-2 two-legged victory over ... yep, Exeter City.

What fun we had being turned over by top teams in the 1980s.

Still, for me and my friends it was a great experience seeing the likes of Kenny

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how times have changed ... see unknowns



Stewart Downing line up with boss Kenny Dalglish. Right: £35m striker Andy Carroll.

Dalglish, Phil Neal, Alan Hansen, Ray Kennedy and Terry McDermott.

These were star names of my childhood, and here they were playing in front of me.

It was brilliant.

And another lovely thing was, we always knew the legends would be playing as soon as the draw was made.

There was not the slightest hint that Paisley would throw a load of unknowns into the team.

After all, these were times when a club (Aston Villa, 1980/81) could win the First Division title using only 14 players in an entire 42-game league season.

Fourteen!

For comparison purposes, Manchester United used 29 – more than double Villa's total – during last term's Premiership-winning campaign.

Yes, yes, I know football has changed since 1981 but it's still an interesting statistic which tells us something.

The kids in Exeter nowadays would love to see Gerrard, Carroll, Downing, Kuyt, Rodrigues etc turning out at their local club.

Perhaps they might. After all, Liverpool haven't got any European competition this season so they only have the domestic trophies to go for. And beggars can't be choosers.

I've no idea who kickstarted the idea of top clubs fielding weakened teams against lower league opposition in the cups.

But I can see why they do it, and of course I understand it.

The League Cup is a great competition for the likes of Arsene Wenger to send out a youthful XI. Those sort of games give him

the chance to blood youngsters in a competitive environment.

No doubt Alex Chamberlain will get a run-out when Arsenal enter this season's Carling Cup.

And given the size of the squads our top clubs have stockpiled, if they didn't use squad rotation for the Carling Cup and FA Cup third round ties, then some players wouldn't get any first team action all season.

Oh well, roll on August 24 and the live Sky cameras.

Bring on the likes of Jonjo Shelvey and Jay Spearing.

They might help Kenny Dalglish to repeat his 6-0 win at Exeter of 30 years ago.

More likely, though, Dalglish's team selection will be stark reminder of how much the football landscape has changed in the last three decades.

SPORTS QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"We are all replaceable. All the cemeteries are full of replaceable people" **Arsene Wenger** refuses to countenance the demise of Arsenal should Cesc Fabregas and Samir Nasri leave the club.

"Stoke away, one of the magnificent teams of the Premier League" - **Chelsea's new boss Andre Villas-Boas** takes his charm offensive a little far.

"I suppose I could put in a bid for Wayne Rooney. Alex would laugh that out of existence just as we laughed their bid out of existence" - **West Brom boss Roy Hodgson** derides Wigan's approach for Peter Odemwingie.

"I only won one FA Cup really, and this is the biggest regret I will have in my career, probably, not to be able to lift a trophy as Arsenal captain. I will always be an Arsenal fan because what they have done for me is unbelievable and I will never forget it" - **Cesc Fabregas** makes an emotional farewell upon completing his return to Barcelona.

"He's actually struck me in the face, and my issue is, if I don't go down, and it's

clear the officials didn't see what went on exactly. If I don't go down and he doesn't get sent off, I'm making my own team suffer" - **Newcastle's Joey Barton** explains his exaggerated reaction to being touched by Arsenal's Gervinho.

"The rebuilding of Leeds United is a bit like sex. In an age of instant gratification, Leeds United is having a long, drawn-out affair with plenty of foreplay and slow arousal" - **chairman Ken Bates** comes over all Carry On as he responds to Leeds fans' protests over his stewardship.

"The run of form we had to have and results we had to have and things go our way ... I don't think anyone - even the most incredible sensationalist - would have believed what we were writing on the board" - **Graeme Swann** recalls the team meeting where England plotted the route they would need to take to become world number one.

"We are not really sleeping, so we don't need a wake-up call" - **India captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni** ahead of the fourth Test against England.

"Of course it (the Ukraine) is a good country to work and I've heard they pay well so that is always important. If you get a 'dizzying offer' you always have to think about it" - **Martin Jol** cheekily quotes Dnipro boss Juande Ramos, who said he received a 'dizzying offer' to replace Jol during his time at Spurs.

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 Norris, Varney
 9 Barnet (H, CC) . . . L 0-1
 13 Brighton (H) . . . L 0-1
 16 Reading (H) . . . W 1-0
 Kitson
 20 Bristol City (A) . . . D 0-0
 27 Cardiff . . . (H)

September

10 West Ham . . . (A)
 17 Hull . . . (A)
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 27 Peterborough . . . (H)

October

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November

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December

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January

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Cherries/Pompey Spotlight

Pompey blank

**Bristol City 0
 Portsmouth 0**
NEIL KILKENNY had a goal disallowed as Bristol City were held to a goalless draw by Portsmouth at Ashton Gate.

The Australian, signed from npower Championship rivals Leeds in the summer, thought he had scored the all-important goal when he bundled home, but was adjudged to have fouled Portsmouth goalkeeper Jamie Ashdown.

Steve Cotterill's side could have nicked it late on but Luke Varney saw his shot rebound off the post.

In a game of few chances, the sides failed to build on their first victories of the season in midweek.

Albert Adomah, after neat work with Marvin Elliott, had the opening chance of the match but Ashdown was equal to the midfielder's 20-yard effort.

City, unchanged from the midweek win at promotion-favourites Leicester, had the better of the opening exchanges, with Jamal Campbell-Ryce looking lively, but failed to make chances.

Portsmouth, lacking an attacking threat early on, finally came to life after 17 minutes but Greg Halford saw his 30-yard shot fly over.

The visitors started to apply the pressure and, after David Norris and Hayden Mullins linked

up, the former saw his 20-yard strike well blocked by James Wilson.

Dave Kitson, fresh from scoring the winner in Tuesday's 1-0 victory over Reading, headed over from Liam Lawrence's teasing cross towards half-time.

Portsmouth threatened in the second half and, after good work from Kanu, Kitson saw his shot blocked.

Lawrence tested Dean Gerken from 25 yards, before the hosts went up the other end and saw Kilkenny almost open the scoring with a 20-yard effort that whistled past the post.

The game started to open up and Lawrence should have done better when he headed straight at Gerken.

Campbell-Ryce was denied by Ashdown before Kilkenny found the net after 65 minutes but the midfielder was adjudged to have impeded the goalkeeper.

Pompey responded and, on 72 minutes, Varney was unlucky not to net his first goal for the club when he saw his curling shot from the edge of the box rebound off the post.

Kitson wasted another chance, firing over from six yards, while Martyn Woolford, coming on as a substitute, cut inside but fired straight at Ashdown.

Benjani, introduced for Kanu in the second half, had a chance late on but headed Hayden Mullins' cross over.



BENJANI: On as a second-half substitute.

One up for Tyro League

HAMPSHIRE youngster Danny Ings has spoken of his delight at being reunited with his former Cherries management team of Eddie Howe and Jason Tindall.

The 19-year-old Winchester-born striker – an ex-Southampton Tyro League player with Itchen, a side managed by his dad, Shane – became the latest player sold by Bournemouth this week when he stepped up to the Championship to join Burnley.

Ings played in both the Cherries' youth set-up and first team under Howe, making his senior debut alongside current Burnley assistant manager Jason Tindall.

"Ed and Jason brought me through when I was first at Bournemouth and gave me the opportunity and it's good to be back working with them, day-in, day-out to try and improve as a player," said Ings.

"There were a few teams that were interested but the whole time there was interest there was only one place I wanted to be, with my old management team."

"It means a lot to me that they are going to give me a chance and hopefully I can repay them. "Burnley is a big club and it's good to be here and I can't wait to play for them."

Ings suffered a long-term injury absence during the early part of his Cherries career and was loaned out to Dorchester Town at the start of last season, scoring seven goals in 12 league and cup starts.

But, after returning to Dean Court, the ex Hamble Secondary School pupil cemented a first-team place and went on to play a key role in Bournemouth's run to the League One play-offs.

Ings scored eight goals in 28 appearances, including six in the last nine games of the season to make himself hot property over the summer with Fulham and Crystal Palace competing with the Claret for his signature.

Ings is not the only former Dorchester loanee in the Championship – Saints defender Danny Seaborne had a short time at The Avenue in 2006/07 on loan from Exeter.

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HARRY ARTER

Cherries go for new midfielder

Carlisle 2 Cherries 1
CHERRIES could be set to bolster their injury-hit squad after successfully making an offer for an unnamed player.

Seward Stadium chairman Eddie Mitchell confirmed Cherries' bid – which was for a six-figure sum – had been accepted by the selling club yesterday.

Cherries' target is a central midfielder, currently on the books at a Premier League club, and has experience of playing in League One.

His arrival would give boss Lee Bradbury's squad a timely boost,

with depleted Cherries suffering a second league defeat on the trot.

Marc Pugh and Steven Gregory were both ruled out of the trip to Brunton Park, while loan striker Ryan Doble limped off just before half-time with an injury.

To compound Cherries' woes, goals from Tom Taiwo and Chris Curran condemned them to defeat, with Harry Arter bagging the visitors' goal from the penalty spot.

Cherries squandered a gilt-edged chance to open the scoring midway through the first half following a swift counter attack started by Lyle Taylor.

The striker picked out Scott Malone on the far post and his firm header back into the danger zone looked destined to be converted by Ryan Doble. However, the Saints loan man failed to get a touch, the ball instead striking Carlisle defender Peter Murphy on the line.

Flahavan saved from James Tavernier's stinging drive and also pushed a fierce effort from Chris Curran around the post.

Malone fired into the hands of Carlisle goalkeeper Adam Collin before Mark Molesley's low shot came back off the post after he had latched on to Feeney's

clever pass.

Carlisle took the lead four minutes into the second half when Taiwo slid in to score from close range.

But Cherries drew level from the penalty spot on the hour, Arter converting after McGovern had been judged to have tripped substitute Steve Lovell.

A slick move started by Arter's crisp pass into Malone then ended with the Wolves loan man firing inches past the upright with his right foot.

But Carlisle regained the lead 13 minutes from time – Curran credited with turning in Tavernier's cross.

Darryl gets the verdict

CHERRIES goalkeeper Shwan Jalal has been told he can leave.

Jalal has become surplus to requirements since losing his place as the club's first-choice stopper to new signing Darryl Flahavan.

Manager Lee Bradbury chose Flahavan, 32, over Jalal after challenging the pair to stake their respective claims during pre-season.

And while Bradbury admitted there had been little to separate them, Flahavan was given the nod for Cherries' League One opener at Charlton.

He has since kept his place with Jalal relegated to the bench.

A mainstay of last season's play-off near miss and the 2009-10 promotion side, Jalal rejected two new contract offers from

Cherries during the summer.

It is understood their last offer would have seen him earn parity with the highest earners at the club.

And, while Jalal will be entitled to a free transfer next summer, having failed to agree fresh terms, his reluctance to sign has prompted the club to circulate details of his availability.



JALAL

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August	
6 Charlton (A)	L 0-3
9 Dagenham (H, CC)	W 5-0
Taylor 2, Pugh, Cooper, Feeney	
13 Sheff Wed (H)	W 2-0
Barrett, Arter	
16 Stevenage (H)	L 1-3
Arter	
20 Carlisle (A)	L 1-2
Arter (pen)	
27 Walsall	(H)

September	
3 Notts County	(A)
10 Chesterfield	(H)
13 Leyton Orient	(A)
17 Exeter	(A)
24 Hartlepool	(H)

October	
1 Tranmere	(A)
8 Rochdale	(H)

15 MK Dons	(A)
22 Bury	(H)
25 Colchester	(A)
29 Preston	(A)

November	
5 Scunthorpe	(H)
19 Wycombe	(A)
26 Oldham	(H)

December	
10 Huddersfield	(A)
17 Sheff Utd	(H)
26 Brentford	(A)
31 Yeovil	(A)

January	
2 Wycombe	(H)
7 Walsall	(A)
14 Notts County	(H)
21 Tranmere	(H)
28 Chesterfield	(A)

February	
4 Exeter	(H)
11 Hartlepool	(A)
14 Leyton Orient	(H)
18 Rochdale	(A)
25 MK Dons	(H)

March	
3 Charlton	(H)
6 Stevenage	(A)
10 Sheff Wed	(A)
17 Carlisle	(H)
20 Brentford	(H)
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31 Yeovil	(H)

April	
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9 Huddersfield	(A)
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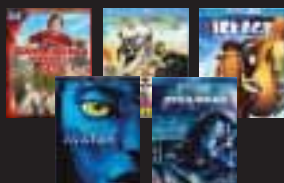
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BOOK of the WEEK

32 Programmes By Dave Roberts

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Like many young boys, Dave Roberts was an avid collector-cum-hoarder of various items – everything from fossils to marbles – though eventually he realised his true love was football programmes.

Having started his collection early (he attended his first match in September 1964), Dave assembled more than 1,100 different programmes, a voluminous pile which afforded him the opportunity to re-live games and recall specific milestones as he grew up.

As they reach middle age, most blokes lucky enough to have retained the equivalent of almost 50 years' worth of football programmes would tend to declare, wrap them in plastic and find them a permanent space in the loft.

Not Dave Roberts.

When he and his wife decided to move to the US, he understood – mistakenly – that his valuable anthology of football history would, naturally, be making the journey too. But Mrs R had other ideas and so Dave had to reduce his collection from 1,134 to just 31 – enough to fit into a Tupperware box.

This hugely enjoyable, occasionally poignant, book tells how the author must



jettison more than 1,100 individual memories and leave behind an integral part of his footballing recollections. Women can be so cruel – or practical, depending upon your point of view.

The wonderful series of tales explain why every one of the 31 programmes made it into the box; each is infused with a mixture of touching reminiscence or laugh-out-loud anecdote.

For anyone who has ever started a programme collection only to lapse after a few seasons, it's easy to understand why it was so difficult for Dave to leave such a huge part of himself behind as he headed west.

But why is his book called 32 Programmes?

It transpires that Dave surreptitiously added one since moving: "which means more to me than any other", he writes.

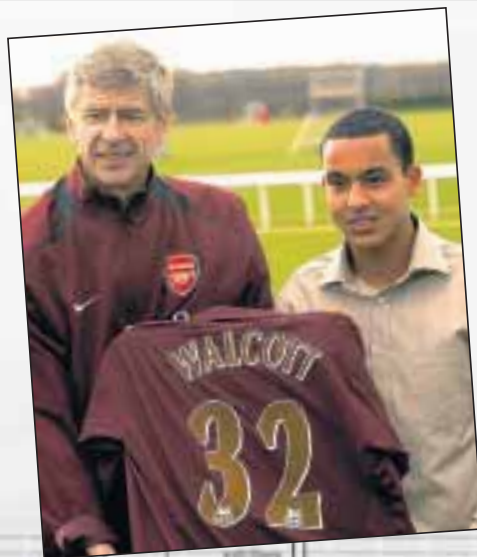
It would be criminal to reveal which of the 32 that is, but it's well worth reading this excellent book to discover their identity and to find out what happened to the 'other' 1,100 programmes.

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Saints Spotlight



CONTROVERSY: Sir Clive Woodward and Simon Clifford – their presence at St Mary's created problems for Theo Walcott, who joined Arsenal in January 2006, left.



FLASHBACK: Walcott, right, is mobbed after scoring for Saints in the FA Youth Cup against Arsenal in 2005.



SAINTS legends Terry Paine, Matt Le Tissier, Mike Channon and Alan Ball all waited until after they'd finished their glittering careers to do it.

So, too, did former Dell stars such as Danny Wallace and Peter Shilton.

Lawrie McMenemy has never got round to doing it at all.

Theo Walcott, though, hasn't waited that long.

He's waited until he's the ripe age of 22, with just a handful of seasons as a professional footballer behind him.

And this week, his autobiography – 'Theo - Growing Up Fast' – was released. Two hundred and sixty nine pages which should interest all you Saints fanatics if you've got a spare £18.99 burning a hole in your pocket.

Has a 22-year-old achieved a sufficient amount to warrant writing his own life story?

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SPORTS EDITOR



hear the jangle of cash tills when Walcott was asked if he wanted to write the book.

Anyway, the blurb insists it's been "a meteoric rise for a boy from a small village who only started playing football at the age of ten" and that much is true.

Within six years, Walcott had entered the Saints record books as the club's youngest ever player aged just 16 years and 143 days old.

That beat Wallace's record of 16 years and 314 days set in 1980.

He was to score on his first start, at Leeds in October 2005, and also netted on his second and third starts too.

He was showing the speed which has seen his best 100m sprint timed at 10.3 seconds – faster than the female world record holder Florence Griffith-Joyner (10.49 seconds).

Usain Bolt's World record is 9.58 seconds.

Even before Walcott's first Saints appearance, though, his name was already well known at the best clubs in the country.

Walcott's great goal which gave Saints an FA Youth Cup victory over Arsenal in January 2005 ensured that.

Gunners youth coach

WOODWARD'S COMMITTED TO OLYMPICS - SEE PAGE 27

Saints Spotlight

Liam Brady no doubt was quick to tell Arsene Wenger all about the lightning quick winger, then just 15 but playing a starring role in an under-18 competition.

And the end result was that Walcott moved to the Emirates Stadium around 12 months later, in a deal eventually worth £9.1m to Saints.

The book contains numerous fascinating insights into life at St Mary's in 2005.

Such as the time then chairman Rupert Lowe stunned the football – and rugby union – worlds by appointing Sir Clive Woodward to the coaching staff.

Woodward then brought in the outspoken Brazilian Soccer Schools chief Simon Clifford.

Top dogs

Walcott writes: “Clifford saw himself as a football revolutionary. ‘Apparently, Sir Clive and Rupert Lowe had introduced him to the staff as ‘the best soccer coach in the world’. They were going to change football, they said, and mount a challenge to Jose Mourinho and Chelsea, who were top dogs at the time.

“By introducing new training regimes and specialist coaches, which would see players work much harder on their individual skills, they believed they could take Southampton back to the Premier League.

“Sir Clive was diplomatic and respectful towards Harry (Redknapp) but Clifford seemed much more impatient. It appears he had thought he and Sir Clive were going to be running the club and he was furious when he was prevented from working with the senior players.

“Sir Clive and Clifford had radical ideas about the training routines. There was a brief

I felt like a pawn in all the Saints politics

spell when we trained in the morning at 7am, then had breakfast, then trained again, had lunch, trained in the afternoon, and then again in the evening.

“That all stopped when Martin Cranie did his hamstring and each side blamed the other for working him into the ground.

“Sir Clive ... talked through all these plans he had. One of them was that he wanted to have a full training session before a match. I told him that wasn't a good idea.

“He also said he could train someone not to miss a penalty. He kept referring to his days as England rugby coach and he told us how Jonny Wilkinson did it.

“He said Wilkinson pictured something like a hat in the crowd and then he pictured that hat between the posts and looked at it and imagined it

getting bigger and bigger, and then he could hit his target more easily.

“No one pointed out that Jonny didn't have a goalkeeper to stop his kicks. None of us knew much about rugby and it didn't really translate.”

Walcott admitted the politics at St Mary's eventually ground him down.

Pawn

“There was Harry with the first team and Sir Clive and Clifford with the youth set-up and I was stuck in the middle, both sides trying to recruit me. Because of the rivalry neither of them wanted to give an inch so I ended up training with both, morning, noon and night. Then I'd be playing youth team matches, reserve matches and first team matches.

“I had a lot of energy, but I felt like a pawn in a game.”

For Saints fans, the first half of the book is the bit worth reading.

By page 109, Walcott has joined Arsenal and the remaining 160 pages are about the life he's lived in the national media spotlight, as

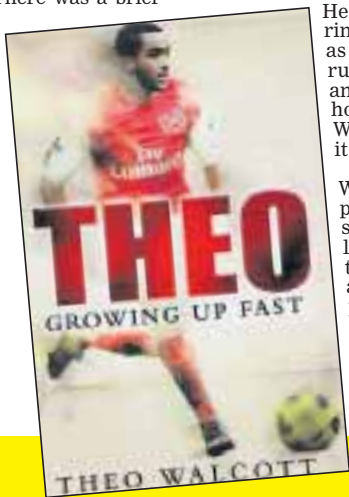
opposed to his early teenage years and appearances in the *Sports Pink* and *Southern Daily Echo*.

No doubt, in a few years time, Theo Walcott will be persuaded to write his second life story, and it will be fascinating to see how his story has progressed.

Arsenal might even have won a trophy by then, though we're dealing with fact here rather than fiction ...

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Saints Spotlight

Kev's goal double helps Saints cause

AN injury-time goal from George Boateng ensured the battle of the former England managers ended in a draw as Nottingham Forest came from two goals down to draw 2-2 at home to Leicester.

With Sven-Goran Eriksson in the away dugout and his former assistant and eventual national team successor Steve McClaren in the home camp, a sideshow was already guaranteed off the pitch, but that was superseded by the drama on it.

David Nugent, to whom McClaren gave his only England cap, put Leicester ahead (18), with Gelson Fernandes making it 2-0 three minutes later.

But the game changed with 79 minutes gone, with Matt Mills' handball allowing Lewis McGugan to pull one

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back from the spot, while City goalkeeper Kasper Schmeichel was dismissed for two separate displays of dissent either side of the goal.

It was a backs-to-the-wall job for Leicester - already under pressure after a summer of big spending - after that, but they could not manage it and Boateng netted in the fourth minute of added time.

Derby put three goals past struggling Doncaster at Pride Park to maintain their 100 per cent start to the season.

Keeping a clean sheet in the process, the Rams were comfortable winners with Kevin Kilbane scoring early on and Steve and Ben Davies adding further goals after the break.

Brighton's hopes of

emulating Saints' four wins in a row were ended by a Kevin Phillips brace as Blackpool came from behind to draw 2-2 at the Amex Stadium.

Craig Mackail-Smith (29) and Ashley Barnes (50) put Brighton 2-0 ahead, only for Phillips (60 and 90) to peg them back.

Crystal Palace won their first game on the road since October last year as James Chester put through his own goal in a 1-0 win at Hull, while Rob Earnshaw cancelled out Charlie Austin's opener as Cardiff drew 1-1 at Burnley.

Barnsley picked up their first win of the season with a remarkable 2-1 success at promotion favourites Reading,

during which three penalties were awarded. Steve Foster's header gave Keith Hill's men the lead, before Reading twice missed from the spot in quick succession.

Jay McEveley conceded both penalties with fouls on Jimmy Kebe and Hal Robson-Kanu, but goalkeeper Luke Steele came to his rescue, keeping out Ian Harte and Noel Hunt from 12 yards.

Matty Done then made the duo pay as he doubled Barnsley's lead with 22 minutes left, before Hunt was fouled by Rob Edwards in the box, allowing Robson-Kanu to make it third time lucky from the spot, although his side could not find an equaliser.

Neil Kilkenny had a goal disallowed as Bristol City drew 0-0



TWO GOALS: Kevin Phillips.

First league win for Whites

BLUE SQUARE BET SOUTH
Staines 0 Salisbury City 1

SALISBURY gathered in their first three point haul of the season courtesy of a bizarre Matt Wright 52nd minute goal which he knew little about.

In a poor, sterile game Salisbury were nearly gifted the lead on five minutes when an Adam Kelly cross was nearly headed in by home Captain Danny Gordon.

It took Salisbury 40 minutes to get a shot on target and it was Ben Adelsbury who was unlucky when his 25-yard low shot was kept out by home keeper Lewis Wells.

The goal which settled matters came shortly after the break when WRIGHT closed down keeper Wells whose clearance rebounded obligingly into the net to give Whites the lead.

Salisbury improved from that point with Stuart Anderson sending in a good free-kick from the edge of the box which Wells somehow kept out and on 63 minutes an Adelsbury long ball found Wright in the clear.

Wright tried to chip Wells who got it right this time with the ball being cleared.

Staines' Richard Butler saw a 65th minute shot-on-the-turn go well over the top but 13 minutes later Adelsbury threatened again with a long shot.

Seconds later a Luke Ruddick free-kick found substitute Claudio Herbert who saw his header deflected over the top.

Staines' best chance came on 82 minutes when David Wheeler's free-kick saw Alan Thompson make Conor Gough save at point-blank range.

With four minutes remaining ex Salisbury man Gareth Risbridger saw straight red for a foul on Kelly and, as the Whites ran down the clock, Anderson had a 35 yard effort deflected over.

Salisbury will have to improve on Tuesday evening when they play Truro City at home (7.45pm).

Spitfires ten well beaten

IT WAS a bad day at the office for Eastleigh as they suffered their first ever league defeat at the hands of Tonbridge Angels, they were reduced to nine men when Frankie Raymond was dismissed in the second half and they suffered a 4-0 defeat.

Eastleigh went into the game at Tonbridge with the return of Frankie Raymond the only change in the starting line-up from Tuesday's game at Truro.

After an uneventful first 18 minutes a penalty was awarded for a foul on Sonny Miles, although many people were mystified about the decision.

FRANNIE COLLIN converted the resulting penalty which was the first goal Eastleigh had

BLUE SQUARE BET SOUTH
Tonbridge Angels 4
Eastleigh 0

conceded at the Tonbridge ground - on their fourth visit.

Eastleigh were then reduced to ten men when Jamie Brown was dismissed for retaliation on Anthony Storey.

Before the interval Frannie Collin and Sonny Miles had shots saved by Gareth Barfoot in the Eastleigh goal while a glancing header from Jamie Slabber, which was fractionally wide, probably represented the nearest Eastleigh came to scoring.

Half-time: Tonbridge Angels 1 Eastleigh 0

The second goal was scored in the 54th minute when a cross from the right was not cleared and JAKE BEECROFT scored with a low shot into the opposite corner.

The third goal came when Beecroft set up LEE BROWNING. And then Frankie Raymond became the second player to receive his marching orders following a head-butt.

Towards the end FRANNY COLLIN scored his second goal of the game, although Gareth Barfoot in the Eastleigh goal got his hands to the effort.

Eastleigh struggled to create much in the second half.



RED CARD: Eastleigh's Jamie Brown, left, was sent off at Tonbridge.

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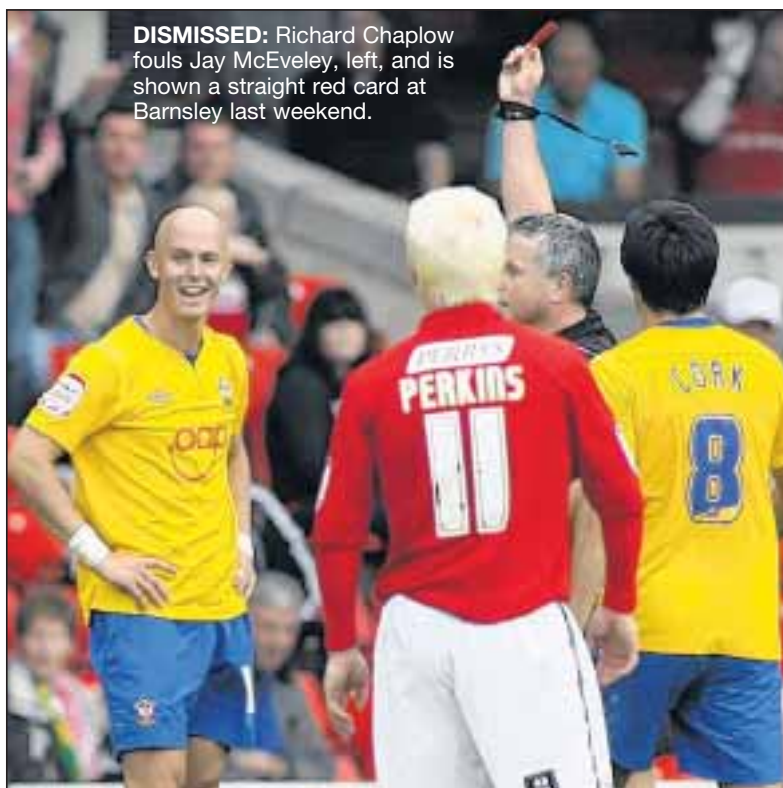
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DISMISSED: Richard Chaplow fouls Jay McEveley, left, and is shown a straight red card at Barnsley last weekend.



Chaplow's rare red

RICHARD Chaplow picked up a rare Saints red card when he was sent off in the 1-0 victory at Barnsley last weekend.

The midfielder became only the third Saints player dismissed in a league game since the start of the 2009/10 campaign.

It was only his second ever red card in over 260 professional appearances.

The first had come way back in January 2004 when Chaplow was sent off in Burnley's 2-0 FA Cup win at Mansfield.

Saints only had one red card in the whole of last season's 46-game League One programme.

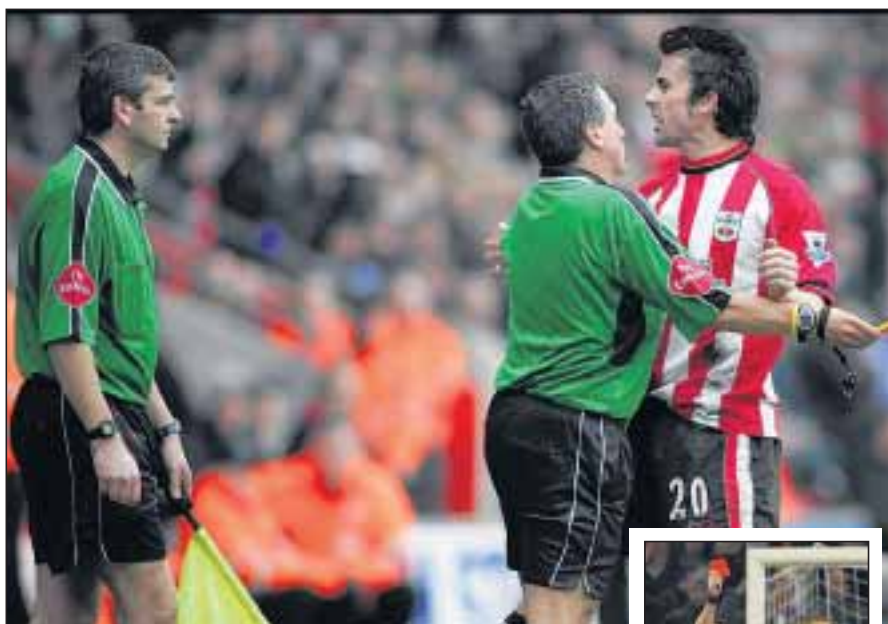
That was Oscar Gobern, who like Chaplow had come on as sub before being dismissed in the 3-1 win at Bournemouth last March.

Saints only had a single dismissal in the 2009/10 league programme as well.

Morgan Schneiderlin was sent off at Yeovil, but as they did with Chaplow and Gobern's red cards, Saints still ended up winning!

The last Saint to be sent off in a league game at St Mary's

SENT OFF: David Prutton has to be held back, above, after his infamous dismissal against Arsenal. Below: Paterson is sent off against Man Utd.



was defender Lee Molyneux. Making only his fourth appearance for the club, Molyneux was dismissed in a 2-2 home draw against Swansea.

He never played for Saints again.

There was red card agony for two youngsters in 2008/09.

Oliver Lancashire was sent off twice, including on his debut at QPR, while Matt Paterson saw red in the FA Cup tie against Manchester

United at St Mary's.

SENT OFF: Oliver Lancashire is shown his second red card of 2008/09, at Sheffield United.



Did You Know?

SAINTS' RED CARDS - THE LAST DECADE

2001/02

Claus Lundekvam (v Leeds, A)
Rory Delap (v Aston Villa, A)
Chris Marsden (v Arsenal, H)
Rory Delap (v Bolton, H)
Tahar El Khalef (v Newcastle, H)

2002/03

Michael Svensson (v Tottenham, A)
Paul Williams (v West Brom, A)
Marian Pahars (v Man City, H)

2003/04

Kevin Phillips (v Middlesbrough, H)
Michael Svensson (v Bolton, LC, A)
David Prutton (v Birmingham, A)

2004/05

David Prutton (v Arsenal, H)
Peter Crouch (v Crystal Palace, A)

2005/06

Claus Lundekvam (v Wolves, H)
Thomasz Hajto (v Derby, A)
Nigel Quashie (v Hull, A)
Rory Delap (v Luton, H)

2006/07

Kenwyne Jones (v Crystal Pal, H)

2007/08

Youssef Safri (v Bristol City, A)



RED CARD: Morgan Schneiderlin is dismissed at Yeovil in April 2010.

Youssef Safri (v QPR, H)
Gregory Vignal (v Wolves, A)
Stern John (v Sheff United, H)

2008/09

Oliver Lancashire (v QPR, A)
Oliver Lancashire (v Sheff United, A)
Jason Euell (v Wolves, H)
Matt Paterson (v Man United, FAC, H)
Lee Molyneux (v Swansea, H)

2009/10

Morgan Schneiderlin (MK Dons, JPT, A)
Morgan Schneiderlin (v Yeovil, A)

2010/11

Lee Barnard (v Swindon, JPT, H)
Oscar Gobern (v Bournemouth, A)

2011/12

Richard Chaplow (v Barnsley (2011-2012))

● **TWO** current Saints players have both suffered four sendings off in their careers.

They are striker David Connolly and out-of-favour winger Jason Puncheon.

Connolly was dismissed twice playing for Wimbledon in 2001/02 and once each for West Ham (2003/04) and Leicester (2004/05).

Puncheon twice received his marching orders for Barnet (2006 and 2008) and twice while on loan to MK Dons in January and September 2009.

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● Paul Feabas – October 1983. Order no: 12982377



● Darryl Evans with his prize winning sole – October 1983. Order no: 12982400



● Eight-year-old Nigel Pitt with his 21lb cod – November 1983. Order no: 12982423

● LEFT: Mike Street – December 1983. Order no: 12986818



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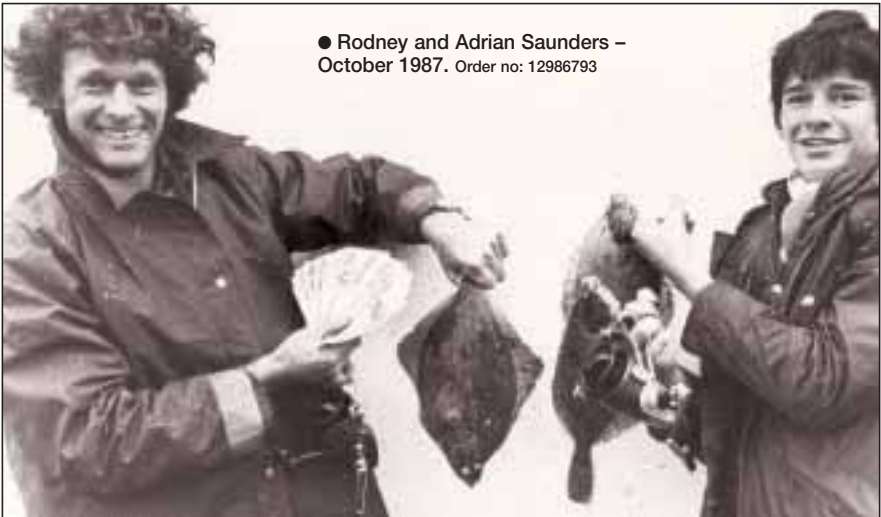
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● Bob Cowley – December 1983. Order no: 12984543



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● Rodney and Adrian Saunders – October 1987. Order no: 12986793



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LONDON 2012 OLYMPICS

THE six medals won at the London 2012 sailing test event meant Great Britain ruled the waves in Weymouth – and Olympic team manager Stephen Park is adamant it will only get better next year.

The 16-strong British team topped the medal table at the Weymouth and Portland International Regatta, one ahead of the Netherlands, with the six medals consisting of one gold, three silvers and two bronzes, *writes BEN BAKER.*

Three-time Olympic champion Ben Ainslie, based in Lymington, was the pick of the bunch claiming Finn gold 31 points ahead of his nearest rival and seemingly already suggesting a fourth Olympic title is his to lose.

Equally as impressive was Saskia Clark and Hannah Mills' silver in the 470 – having only teamed up in February they even shared the lead with Japan going into the all-important medal race.

Reigning Olympic and world champions in the Star, Southampton's Iain Percy and Andrew Simpson, also finished second as did windsurfer Nick Dempsey – just one point behind Holland's Dorian van Rijsselberghe.

Another reigning Olympic gold medallist Paul Goodison and women's windsurfer Bryony Shaw took the bronzes as Britain won the same number of medals as they did at the Beijing Games in 2008.

However, four on that occasion were gold and not one – but Olympic team manager Park is adamant the team is well on course to contribute heavily to Britain's overall medal tally next year.

"I am happy with the performance of the team – the aim was to come away with four medals so to get six leaves us in a strong position going forward to 2012," said Park.

Unusual

"From a squad perspective we were hoping that everyone would be in a good position to challenge and we did that in most of the fleets.

"In one or two we did not manage that but that was unusual for some of those sailors and we are quite confident that we will be in a position of having ten competitive events next year.

"And if we can win six medals to help Team GB have a great finishing position on the medal tally then we will be happy with that.

"Of course we would rather one or two of them are shinier than the test event but that just gives us something to work on over the next 12 months."

In the case of Ainslie, Britain's Olympic selectors may already have their mind made up. But Park insists December's World Championships, which will involve more than one crew per country, will also play a vital role in determining the 2012 team.

"Now we have got other events coming forward that will input into the selection for the 2012 Games and I dare say the sailors that performed well at the test event will hope selectors bare those results in mind," said Park.

"The worlds will be a fantastic event, it will be the biggest event in terms of number of participants in the four year cycle, and a number of our sailors will be looking to seal their place for 2012 there.

"Going into that event we will hope to come away with four or five medals across the events."

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GB ruling the

GOLD MEDALLIST:
Ben Ainslie, left,
and in action on
the waters off
Weymouth and
Portland.



STAR sailors Iain Percy and Andrew Simpson made it three silvers for the home nation at the test event in Weymouth thanks to a victorious medal race performance.

As the British World and Olympic champions rounded the first windward mark in the lead, Simpson, pictured in the foreground left with Percy, responded to the cheers from spectators by raising his fist in the air.

The pair, who suffered major equipment problems earlier on in the regatta, started the day in fourth place and needed to beat their Polish and Irish rivals to win silver.

They sailed a great race but were also helped along the way when their rivals crossed the start line too early and found

Why Oly the boat

themselves back in ninth and tenth. Southampton-born Percy and Simpson, from Sherborne in Dorset, claimed silver with a 31-second lead ahead of the placed Norwegian boat.

Percy, 35, said: "The importance of this more than anything else, was the result on the Olympic waters."

OLYMPICS COUNTDOWN



Lucy waves



MIKE GOSNEY

Lucy: I won't panic just yet

POOLE sailor Lucy Macgregor has vowed to bounce back in style after a disappointing Weymouth and Portland International Regatta.

The 24-year-old had high hopes heading into last week's London 2012 test event, having claimed gold on the Olympic waters just two months earlier at the Skandia Sail for Gold.

However the British match racing team of Macgregor, younger sister Kate and Annie Lush couldn't repeat their Weymouth heroics, losing to France 3-0 in the quarter-finals before beating Sweden to finish seventh overall.

But Macgregor has warned her rivals not to read too much into their latest run out on England's south coast, adamant they will be back to show what they are really all about in 11 month's time.

"It was a pretty disappointing week for us really as we finished down in seventh and we didn't really sail as well as we could have," she said.

"At the end of the day it is all about next year and making sure we can do it when it really matters but we are disappointed in how we have done.

"We have shown at Sail for Gold with winning silver that we can perform here at the Olympic venue so we aren't going to panic just yet.

"We will now go away and have a good winter's training to put right some wrongs and try to improve in the areas that we now we have to.

"We are looking forward to it and getting down to it next year and coming back in better condition for a better result."

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Olympic gold medallists have retired that 'has done us proud' ...

seventh place. Simpson, claimed victory of the second-

nt thing to us, to get a good

"We never like getting beaten, but given where we were after six races we were happy to claw back and get the silver."

The duo suffered a broken mast, snapped rigging and a hole in their boat last week and said this event was the last time they would race the boat which they won Olympic gold in.

Percy added: "The boat has done us proud - she's won us the Worlds and the Olympics but she's a bit on her last legs with the mast breakage and the boat falling to bits, but she got through in the end.

"She's creaking and groaning a bit at the moment and she wants to retire."

Simpson, 34, of Sherborne, took his 13-

month-old son Freddie onto the podium with him. Freddie amused the crowd by clapping along as his dad was presented with his medal.

Simpson said: "It was a good day although we had a really tough regatta.

"It was really important to win, we had a few problems in the beginning which we had to fight back from and it was really hard to catch up. But it was important to win, it scares people.

"It's really important psychologically to never be perceived as giving up and to always keep trying and see it through."

He described the cheers from the Nothe crowd as 'fantastic' and added: "It's going to be incredible next year."





LONDON 2012 OLYMPICS COUNTDOWN



Tom: No concerns

TOM Daley is confident the London Olympics will be trouble free, despite his dismay at the recent riots that blighted the country, writes **BEN RUMSBY**.

Daley, who became world champion aged just 15 two years ago in Rome, hopes the Games can inspire a generation to take up sport and keep out of trouble in future.

Last week witnessed some of the worst rioting and looting in recent British history, with the capital hit hardest of all.

There are genuine fears of a repeat, even as far into the future as next year's Olympics.

But Daley, who at 17 is from the same generation as many of the rioters, said: "I don't have any concerns about security for 2012."

"The rioting was terrible. It was something that shouldn't happen."

"If any young people could get into sport, get into education, get into music, anything like that that could get them off the streets and get them into something, stop them from being bored, I think that's going to help."

"2012 is going to be a massive thing that's going to inspire lots



TOM DALEY

of young people to get involved in sport.

"Even if they don't want to do it seriously, they can just do it for the social event."

Daley – whose synchro diving partner is Southampton-based ex-Olympic silver medalist Pete Waterfield – is the ideal role model for Britain's youth and already boasts a huge fanbase.

He is one of the most searched Olympians in the world on Google and a wire sculpture of him was recently unveiled at Heathrow Airport.

"To think about all the people googling you and things like that, it seems crazy, but I guess it kind of happens," he said.

"I don't feel like a pin-up or poster boy."

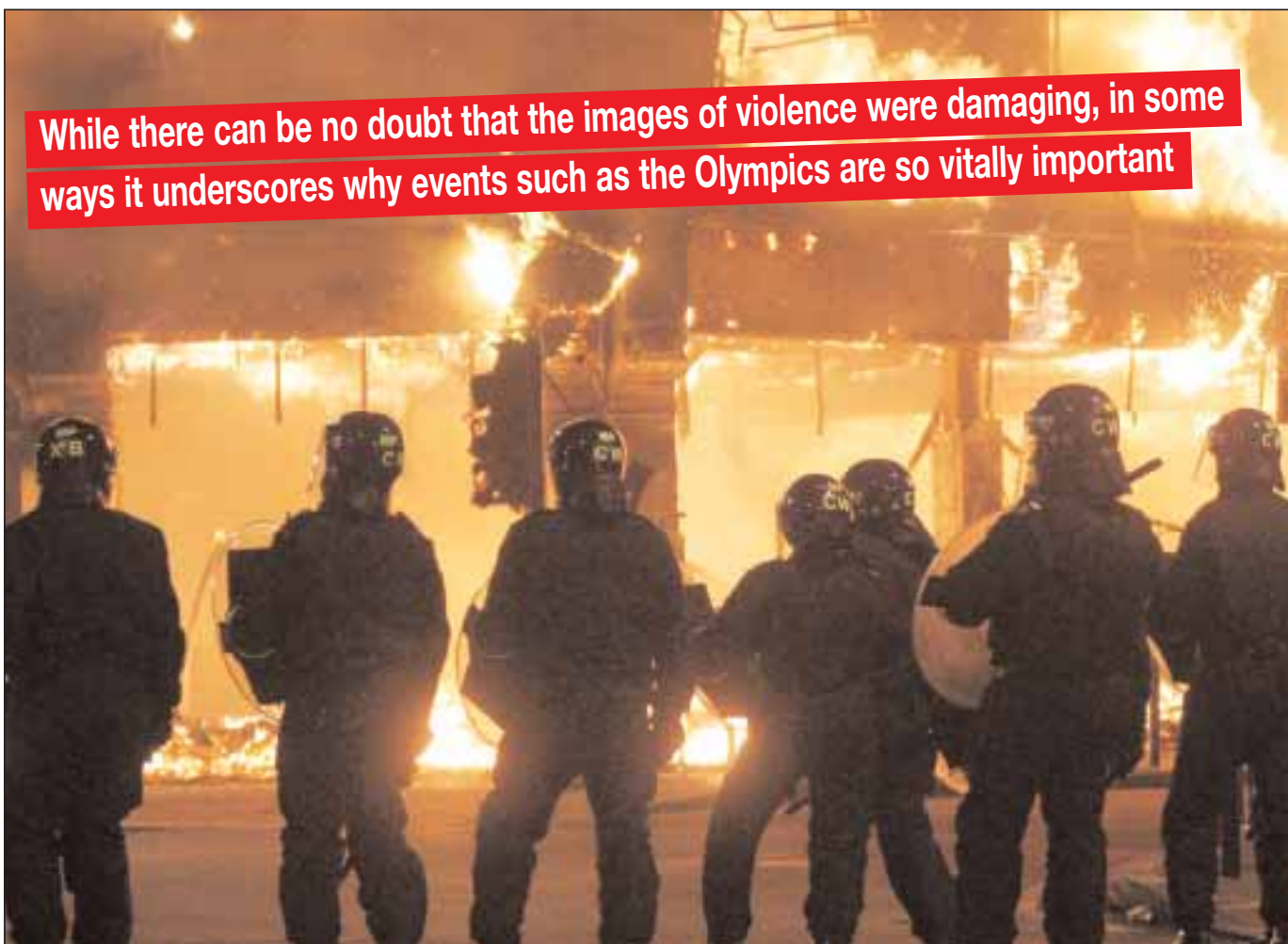
"I just feel like an athlete."

"It's weird sometimes when you're on Twitter and you get people saying, 'Marry me'."

"I've had quite a few marriage proposals on Twitter, through the post."

"They're all jokey ones but it is quite funny."

While there can be no doubt that the images of violence were damaging, in some ways it underscores why events such as the Olympics are so vitally important



United in London

TEAM GB chef de mission Andy Hunt believes preparations for next year's London Olympics have "moved up another gear" despite the recent rioting across the country.

Test events have been held recently in preparation for the Games, with both basketball and BMX the latest to be showcased at the Olympic Park this week, writes **SIMON PEACH**.

Hunt has attended all the test events so far and was quick to praise the organising committee for its successful events.

"Since the one year to go mark passed at the end of last month the preparations for London 2012 have definitely moved up another gear, just as the sensational Mark Cavendish did in his sprint for the finish line down the Mall to win the London Prepares road race on Sunday," he said.

"The London Organising Committee (LOCOG) are to be congratulated for putting on a string of

successful test events so far.

"I've attended all 15 of them, from sailing in Weymouth to rowing in Eton, canoeing in Broxbourne to triathlon in Hyde Park."

"The test events provide a vital opportunity for the BOA, and our colleagues within the sport National Governing Bodies, to test our operations and use the feedback to develop our detailed plans for execution with Team GB next summer."

Biggest test

While the test events have been successful on the whole, sporting events across the country have been effected by the rioting.

England's friendly against Holland was postponed last week at the height of the trouble while

in the Premier League Everton's trip to Tottenham, where the riots began, was also unable to go ahead as planned.

"Perhaps the biggest test of all over the past fortnight has been the riots," said Hunt.

"While there can be no doubt that the images of violence were damaging, in some ways it underscores why events such as the Olympic Games are so vitally important in our world today."

"A year from now, London will be the city where the world comes together in a spirit of friendship, peace, understanding and human excellence."

"London will be the city where we see the very best examples of humanity – and those

ANDY HUNT

images will be far different from what we have seen the past week."

As well as the organisational side, the British Olympic Association chief executive officer was quick to praise athletes for their performances in the test events.

"Great Britain's athletes have been in truly outstanding form across a wide range of sports," added Hunt.

Ambition

"Helen Jenkins and Alistair Brownlee got fantastic victories in the women's and men's triathlons followed by another win for Ben Ainslie in the sailing, before Mark Cavendish showed his class in the road cycling."

"Combined with exciting performances from young athletes in badminton and beach volleyball, these results certainly add encouragement to our ambition of winning more medals from more sports than we have done in over a hundred years next summer."

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Waiting game for Alex



ALL SMILES: Alex Danson, in the red shirt in the front of the picture, with youngsters at Winchester's Bar End sports facility.

ALEX Danson has over 100 international caps.

She has competed in four European Nations cups, two World Cups, two Champions Trophies, three Champions Challenges, one Commonwealth Games and the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games.

But the Hampshire girl is still anxiously sweating on her London 2012 dream, **writes SACHA CLAYTON.**

This month's EuroHockey Nations Championships represents the last time that England will play in this four-year Olympic cycle and, most importantly, hands Danson another chance to impress.

England head to Monchengladbach for the nine-day tournament in fine-form.

But having been drawn in Pool B alongside Belgium, Ireland and hosts Germany, who won silver in 2009, Danson is taking nothing for granted.

Competition is so fierce at present in both the English and Great Britain ranks that, despite being a veteran of the international stage, Danson is far from certain of starting in Monchengladbach and also of forcing her way into the Olympic reckoning.

And having sampled life at the volleyball Olympic test event earlier this month, the Southampton-born star is desperate to put down a sizeable marker in Germany.

"In terms of competition for places in the GB squad at the

moment, healthy is an under-statement," said Danson.

"I would never be able to pick our side but it's fantastic for us.

"We never know who is going to play or who is going to be picked but that's actually a bit of a dream scenario because everyone wants to play and everyone wants the team to do well in London.

"The harder the competition is the better the team is going to be.

"I went to the beach volleyball and it was unbelievable and it was

"Watching us there could be 16,000 people and that is an amazing thought.

"The team that is selected for London 2012 I believe will do really, really well and I want to be part of it."

To maximise results and cohesion ahead of the European Championships and also the Olympic Games, centralised training camps at Bisham Abbey in Buckinghamshire have been introduced. The aim is to mimic an

duction of the centralised training camps will be Great Britain's secret weapon come London 2012.

"You come together as 30 individuals and while you play the same sport you don't really know one another that well," added Danson.

"But we have got to know each other so well and we know how to treat each other during the games, how each other play and how to get the best out of one another.

"And it's key at crucial moments in tournaments because we've all seen each other at our best – and worst – and nothing but time together can give you that.

"We were in Amsterdam watching the men win last year and watching them on the top of the podium.

"We really want to emulate them but we know we've got three really tough games to start with.

"But at the back of our minds everyone knows that we have trained really hard and we're the best prepared we could be."

● Investec will be the principle partner of the England and Great Britain women's hockey teams. The Specialist Bank and Asset Manager have signed a five year agreement beginning with England's participation in the EuroHockey Nations Championships.



UNBELIEVABLE: Alex Danson enjoyed the beach volleyball test event in London

the first time I really thought that London 2012 is coming.

"It was in Horse Guards Parade and I walked in and it hit me that this was why London got the Olympics.

Olympic Games environment, where team-mates live and train together but also to ensure the girls really get to know each other ahead of a crucial 12 months.

And Danson believes the intro-

Woody misses his buzz

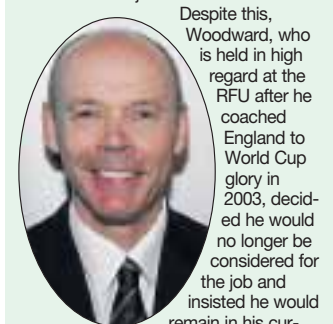
SIR Clive Woodward insists the recent turmoil at the Rugby Football Union (RFU) has not put him off a possible return to the organisation – but he is adamant that he will only consider a move to the governing body after the 2012 Olympics.

The RFU was plunged into turmoil earlier this year when chief executive Sir John Steele resigned from his post due to his handling of the recruitment of a performance director.

Woodward, the former Southampton FC director of football, looked set to take the performance director position in March.

But his interview was delayed and Steele and the RFU board suddenly changed the job description to take out any involvement in the running of the England Test team.

After reports that Woodward, below, was not interested in such a weakened position, the RFU changed the job description back to its original specification – an embarrassing U-turn that cost Steele his job.



Despite this, Woodward, who is held in high regard at the RFU after he coached England to World Cup glory in 2003, decided he would no longer be considered for the job and insisted he would remain in his current

role as director of elite performance at the British Olympic Association.

He has not ruled out taking on some role at the RFU afterwards though, and if they wait until August 2012 to appoint a new performance director, he could apply.

When asked whether the episode had put him off a return to HQ after the Olympics, he said: "No it hasn't put me off at all. They have gone through difficult times but there are some really good people there who I know well.

"I've always said that I would be here at the BOA until 2012.

"There was never any doubt that any new job I'd start would come after 2012. I've spent five years getting ready for this (the Olympics) and I want to see that through. I'll re-evaluate where I am after that."

Woodward insists he would not be interested in taking the vacant chief executive's job.

"My expertise is what I do now – coaching and performance," he added.

Woodward, who currently works with coaches of all Britain's Olympic sports, admits he misses being part of rugby, but is happy to stay in his current role due to the attraction of being involved in a home Olympics.

"I'm really enjoying the job. It's one removed from coaching. There's not quite the buzz of the changing room but I can always go back to that," said Woodward.

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Solent take promotion in their stride

TEAM Solent made an impressive start to life in the Wessex League after graduating as Hampshire Premier champions last year.

The goalless draw away to Pewsey Vale delighted manager Dominic Cunliffe, whose squad will be even stronger when his students return from their summer holidays next month.

"The boys played really well, I was very pleased," he said "Pewsey are a good side so to come away with a point and a clean sheet was very pleasing for everyone involved."

"We would have taken a point if it was offered to us beforehand and a clean sheet was another target for us."

"We've still got a few key players away and only had two weeks of pre-season and four training sessions, so to come away with a 0-0 was very good."

"Although one of our players is coaching in America and two others are not able to play until next month, I still had a squad of 18 to choose from, which was encouraging."

"And we had 18 shots at goal compared to their six so just needed to be more clinical. "We'll only get stronger, I'll be disappointed if we finish in the bottom half of the table."

The Wessex new boys will be playing all their games on the road until November, when their new £3m ground at Test Park in Nursling will be ready to move into.

Cunliffe continued: "We're very grateful to the Wessex League for being so accommodating."

No joy for Ringwood or Amesbury

RINGWOOD Town and Amesbury Town both lost their opening day away games in Wessex Division One.

Young forward Callum Wells has looked impressive for the Brewers in pre-season, but his goal was not enough to save them from a 2-1 reverse at Petersfield Town.

The Blues lost 2-0 away to Cowes Sports, whose goals came from Darren Williams and Leighton Speechley-Price.

DANGERMAN: Mike Spinney



Spinney can fire Brock to Premier return

Brockenhurst start with 5-0 victory

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BROCKENHURST manager John Pyatt believes Mike Spinney can lead the club's bid to win promotion back to the Wessex Premier.

The former Vospers striker scored for Brock in their impressive 5-0 win on the opening day of the season against Andover New Street at Grigg Lane.

Spinney played one game for Brock last year but was unavailable for the rest of a disappointing campaign after scoring in a match against Brading when he was ineligible.

That match had to be replayed, contributing to Brock's relegation.

But Spinney is now available for selection and Pyatt believes the 29-year-old will be a valuable addition as the New Forest club look to return to the Wessex Premier at the first attempt.

Pyatt said: "We're delighted to have Mike Spinney back this year, he was true to his word and is like having a new signing."

"He's got a great record and plenty of experience. Without a doubt we would have stayed up if he had been available last season but hopefully we will bounce back."

"We're keeping our feet on the ground because it's a difficult league to get out of but that is our main target for the season."

A 5-0 demolition of Andover New Street, a side Pyatt expects to be challenging for promotion was a dream start.

"They kept coming at us, they hit

the bar twice but we took our chances," said Pyatt.

The other goals were shared between teenagers Ben Sullivan and Mike Mead, Matt Molloy and Mark Barker.

"Ben and Mike were outstanding at left back and in midfield," continued Pyatt.

"Matt is like another new signing as he was injured all last year - he broke his hand playing cricket before doing his ankle."

"But he's fit now and gives us pace in midfield."

Pyatt has the added experience of Paul Masters, pictured left, alongside him in the dug out this year.

"Paul arrived halfway through last season and he's been a great addition. We had a tough pre-season as we played a lot of

team from leagues above us so we haven't taken things lightly," he said.

"Players want to be here, which helps, and we've got the right blend of youth and experience."

"We've got a good, experienced spine with Scott O'Rourke in goal, 40-year-old Carlo Tate at the back and Warren Kenna in midfield."

"We've also got a new player in Ashley Booker from New Milton who's very versatile and can play anywhere except centre half."

"He's a very clever player and we've got a couple of other lads who have impressed despite playing in the Bournemouth league only last year."

So who does Pyatt expect to be challenging for promotion from division one?

"I'm sure Andover New Street will have something to say, they had players out last week but had others who looked like they could do some damage. Portchester and Pewsey Vale will be up there, and Team Solent and one of the Island teams will be there or thereabouts."

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Ex-Eastleigh ace is just the fit at Havant

HAVANT & Waterloooville have signed former Eastleigh striker Warren McBean, pictured left, to replace Mustafa Tiriyaki, who has signed for Tranmere Rovers.

Turkish front man Tiriyaki is the latest Blue Square South player to get his chance in the Football League after signing a one-year-deal with the League One club.

Hawks boss Shaun Gale is delighted for the powerfully-built Tiriyaki, who has made two appearances for

the Merseysiders this season.

"I think it is a great opportunity for the lad and could be good for Tranmere," said Gale.

"It is a shame because I would have liked to have got him back here because he still has a lot to offer.

"He didn't have the greatest of seasons for us last season but that is in the past.

"Now the penny is starting to drop with him that he is a

much better player than the one we brought to the club two years ago.

"He has an opportunity now at a professional level and I have told him to take it with both hands and not pass it up.

"I think he could make it, though, mentally, there are a few things he needs to work on.

"He needs to have someone on his case every day and that will happen now he is full-time."

Non-league News

Beal backs Poole to do it again

LAVERSTOCK & Ford boss Neville Beal is tipping Poole Town for back-to-back promotions.

Former Salisbury City chairman Beal knows Poole's team manager Tommy Killick well from his days assisting Nick Holmes at the Raymond McEnhill Stadium.

And he reckons that having finally been passed fit for promotion after winning a third straight Sydenhams Premier title, the Dolphins have what it takes to go straight through the Evo-Stik Division One South & West.

Twice Poole were denied promotion because their Tatnam headquarters was not up to scratch, but they managed to

pick themselves up and seal a third league title last term, leaving runners-up Bemerton trailing 20 points in their wake.

"To keep winning the league like that takes some doing when you

can't go up. It just goes to show that Poole's players are very disciplined," said Beal.

"I think Poole will go straight through and win the next league too."

Beal's Laverstock & Ford side have had a mixed start to their Wessex League campaign, netting seven in their opening day clash with New Milton and then going down 4-1 to Lymington in mid-week.

Danny Western was Laverstock & Ford's four-goal hero on the opening day.

The prolific striker returned to Amesbury Town from Downton towards the end of last season, and started pre-season with Laverstock before going back to Downton. However, fortunately for the Church Road club, he changed his mind late last Thursday.

New Milton Town couldn't handle Western and strike partner Eddie Perrett, who hit two. Elliott Wykes got the other goal, a spectacular strike into the top corner from 25 yards, as the game finished 7-3.



NEV BEAL

TOWN STRUGGLE TO REPLACE TRIO

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ALRESFORD Town have entered the new season without a trio of last term's key players.

All three – Tom Donaldson, Dean Cole and Paul Preston – have flown the Magpies' nest for ambitious Blackfield & Langley.

Having played just five Wessex games for Alresford last season, former Alton wide man Preston was not exactly part of the furniture at Arlebury Park.

But, between them, Donaldson and Cole racked up more than 50 appearances and will be sorely missed by the Sydenhams Premier Division club.

Striker Cole banged in 17 goals in 26 League/League Cup starts last term, while winger Donaldson chipped in with nine.

The pair have both been united with their old Romsey Town boss Glenn Burnett at Blackfield.

Alresford co-manager Danny Robinson said: "Dean will be missed. He was our captain for a while last season and our top goalscorer.

"As for Tom, it's a crying shame he's gone. He actually signed for us but the forms didn't get put in. He then texted us to say he'd had a change of heart and was going to Blackfield with Glenn.

"Paul Preston was a bit different



MOVED ON: Dean Cole is one of three players who have made the switch from Alresford Town to Blackfield and Langley.

because we didn't see him over the summer."

Alresford have offset those close-season departures by drafting in three new faces.

Tall centre-forward Stuart Mott has signed from New Milton Town and is joined at Arlebury Park by ex-Woking youth right winger Danilo Cadete.

The Magpies have also swooped for talented former Gosport Borough and Hayling United wide man Josh Warren from Blackfield & Langley.

Warren went for trials in the USA this summer but promised he would play for Alresford if he returned. "The coaches out in America said they'd give him a call later on," said

Robinson. "It's a Brucie Bonus for us that he's back."

Alresford are also thanking their lucky stars that ex-Havant & Waterloooville winger/forward Mike McEnery and midfielder Warren Bentley are still on their books having turned down offers from rival clubs.

"Warren was offered money to go elsewhere and decided to stay and the same goes for Mike," Robinson explained.

"Mike's old club Newport IoW and Blackfield & Langley were both interest in signing him, but Mike's enjoying his football and is playing with a big smile on his face."

McEnery's smile may have faded a bit this week, however, after Alresford opened the season with heavy back-to-back defeats.

Having lost their opener 4-1 at Alton Town on Saturday, the Magpies had their wings clipped 5-1 on Monday night by title contenders Bemerton Heath Harlequins.

There looked to be hope for Town on Monday as McEnery hit a 68th-minute reply following late first-half goals from Bemerton's Joe Sanger and Jack Slade.

But the Harlequins ran riot in the closing stages with Slade and Sanger striking again before substitute Neil Williams killed Town off.

To rub salt in Alresford's wounds, they had substitute Dan Strange sent off late in the game for a foul on Sanger.

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Osborne injury overshadows Roberts strike

WHAT Christchurch manager Graham Kemp considers "one of the greatest goals seen at Hurn Bridge" was overshadowed by a serious head injury to striker Ben Osborne.

A clash of heads with Downton's Josh Thomas left Osborne suffering concussion and memory loss – but it could have been worse.

The Wessex Premier game was only eight minutes old when Osborne took two heavy blows, one during the collision and a second when he landed on his head.

Paul Roberts went on to score a spectacular overhead kick and Callum Burt and Marc Fairbrother were also on target in a 3-1 win.

But the game was delayed by 45 minutes and will be remembered for the sight of Osborne being fitted with a neck brace and leaving in an ambulance.

He was detained in hospital overnight.

Christchurch manager Kemp said: "Both players were at maximum height when they jumped for a header, although Ben arrived slightly late and Josh accidentally head-butted him when he followed through.

"Ben had been knocked out before he hit the floor and fell as a dead weight. He banged his head a second time when he landed. He is still very sore but was released from hospital after spending the night there.

"Everybody involved handled the incident very professionally. It was a difficult time and very worrying for everybody who was there. [physio] Tish [Ford] is highly qualified and, in my opinion, it was vital she was there."

Osborne will now be out for up to six weeks.

"He is getting married in a fortnight and we won't consider him until after he has returned from his honeymoon at the earliest," added Kemp.

HEAD INJURY: Ben Osborne.

MALONE HAILS WILSON POTENTIAL

ONE TO WATCH: Eastleigh's Sam Wilson (blue strip).

Young guns impress Eastleigh supremo

AT JUST 16-years-old, Eastleigh striker Sam Wilson has already impressed this season.

Director of football David Malone believes he has "huge potential".

Wilson made his debut as a substitute in the 2-0 defeat at home to Basingstoke last week and struck the crossbar during a lively cameo after coming on in the second half of the 2-1 loss at Truro City on Tuesday.

"He's got a huge amount of potential but that's all it is at this point in time," said Malone, pictured right. "He's got everything you look for in a striker.

"He's not the biggest physically but he's got all the attributes. He's a Keegan-esque type forward, a bit like Andy Forbes was for us.

"He has pace to burn, he can finish and for his size he's not bad in the air.

"I don't think Bairdy (manager Ian Baird) sees him as someone who will start that often but he

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looked threatening during the last 15 minutes at Truro playing in the hole.

"And from the glimpses our fans have seen they also think he has huge potential."

Wilson is likely to be a regular coming off the bench during the course of the season.

"He was on Pompey's books, they talked to him in the summer and there was every possibility they would take him back," continued Malone.

"But fortunately for us Pompey and Sam's dad thought

'He's a Keegan-type forward, a bit like Andy Forbes was for us'

his future would be better spent with us as we can give him the opportunity to go full-time.

"He was going to go to college but has decided to dedicate his time to football at the moment. We wait with bated breath to see how good he can become."

Wilson is one of several young prospects in Eastleigh's first-team squad this season.

Two 19-year-olds, striker Andrew White and right back Billy Tsolovos, have also impressed.

White scored Eastleigh's equaliser on the stroke of half time at Truro

and also struck a post in the second half.

"We had an experienced side out at Truro but all three of the youngsters were excellent," said Malone.

"We signed Andrew from Gillingham and he caused problems all night long. Billy is an Australian who was released by Pompey, but he and Andrew want to get back into the [Football] League and I think they can.

"We have some excellent prospects and those three will certainly get more game time as the season progresses.

With developing players a key part of Eastleigh's raison d'être, a season of consolidation is expected at the Sparshatts Stadium.

"We've done what we said on the label," said Malone. "If we can finish mid-table with a new team we will be pleased with that.

"Although the result did not reflect it, the performance at Truro was encouraging. The Eastleigh fans who made the trip applauded the team off but the way the home fans cheered you would have thought they had won the European Cup!"

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Riley's big Bash loss



BASHLEY manager Steve Riley has the difficult task of replacing midfielder Chris Knowles next month.

The 25-year-old will be working in Australia for at least a year after the home game against Chippenham Town on September 13.

HEAD AND SHOULDERS ABOVE: Bashley's Chris Knowles.

Knowles intends to play and coach on an initial 12-month visa in Sydney, bringing to an end a Bashley career that has seen him make 251 appearances and score 37 goals.

Riley said: "He has been fantastic for us and a good servant at Bashley."

"He never lets you down and the best thing I can say about him is he is going to be so difficult to replace unless I get somebody coming in with a

nice little pot of money to maybe get someone from a higher level.

"He is that important and is a fantastic player who wears his heart on his sleeve."

"We're going to miss him massively but that is part of football and we will have to move on. It will create an opportunity for somebody else."

"We're trying to talk him out of it – so you never know!"

Non-league News

Poole's dark days a thing of the past

PROUD Chris Reeves reflected on Poole Town's Southern League return and admitted there had been dark days when he feared for the club.

Dolphins' 3-1 victory over Stourport Swifts on Saturday ended a 15-year wait for Southern League football – after the club's 1996 relegation had led to a dramatic fall down the non-league ladder.

Having worked their way back up and won the Wessex Premier title three times, Poole were granted promotion to step four after bringing their Tatnam ground up to standard.

It marked success on a painstaking journey for the club, with Reeves, pictured below, and chairman Clive Robbins two of the driving forces.

Reeves, who has been associated with the club since 1977, said: "Having been in the higher echelons of semi-professional football for so many years, losing the stadium and going down into the Hampshire League was psychologically massive."

"To get back is equally massive. It is just a huge satisfaction. To start off with a win and see so many people here was tremendous."

Reeves added: "I always hoped we would get back but we had some pretty dark days, going back to the days at Haskells Rec and when the Hampshire Premier League came into effect."

"We won the Hampshire League Division One but instead of going into the Hampshire Premier, we had to stay in Division One because of ground-grading issues. Not only were we not promoted to the Wessex – there was only one division of the Wessex in those days – we were effectively relegated."

"I remember saying to Pete Moore, the manager at the time, 'how many more blows can this club take and what are we going to do?'"

"Pete was brilliant and said 'you know what you are going to do – we are going to carry on because one day we will get a break. If we don't carry on, we won't be able to take advantage of that break.'"

"Historically, we know that break was coming to Tatnam, as basic as it was. More than £200,000 later, we have got a step four ground."

"I don't think anyone other than Clive and I will fully appreciate how special Saturday was."

"I said to Clive before the game that I only wished his late father, Arthur, had been here because he would have taken huge pride."

Meanwhile, World Cup-winning legend Sir Geoff Hurst lavished praise on Reeves after he was named as runner-up in the Outstanding Contribution category at the FA Community Awards ceremony, held before last Sunday's Community Shield match at Wembley.

Hurst, part of the judging panel, said: "Without Chris, it is clear Poole Town FC would not be the club it is today."

Survival battle not an option for upbeat Linnets management

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NON-LEAGUE REPORTER

NEW Milton Town's new management team have no intention of being in a relegation dogfight this season.

Steve May and Darren Atkins are confident that this summer's influx of new players will help them avoid a repeat of last season when the New Forest club finished fourth to bottom of the Sydenhams Premier pile.

"Most of the local lads from last year have stayed, but we needed some quality in there and we've strengthened right up," said Atkins.

"Our brief from the chairman is to stay in the league, but our aim is to finish in the top half and then kick on from there."

"The club has fantastic facilities and should be challenging for a top-ten position, not fighting against relegation."

With both May and Atkins hailing from the Fareham area, several of New Milton's summer signings hail from over that way.

Midfielders Danny Rimmer

'The club should be challenging for a top-ten position, not fighting against relegation'

(Horndean), Sean Newman (Chichester City) have climbed aboard, along with left-sided player Sope Lawal, 19, from Havant & Waterlooville.

Nick Howes, a versatile forward/midfielder, is new in from Ringwood Town and the Linnets have swooped for a trio of signings from AFC Portchester – defender Bradley Johnson, winger/midfielder Luke Sweeney and Atkins' son, Joe, who plays up front.

Matt Wain from Moneyfields has taken over in goal but will be kept on his toes by ex-Havant & Waterlooville keeper May, who

TOWN DUO RAISE BAR



PAINFUL TIMES: New Milton Town (claret/blue) struggled last season, competing against the likes of Poole Town.

still plays from time to time even in his 40s.

"Steve played at a high level, so he gives us an option," said Atkins. "He's still very good and he wants to play, but the chairman would rather he concentrated on managing rather than playing. We'll see how it goes."

Potentially the pick of the club's

new crop is 23-year-old Russell Stanley, a striker plucked out of local football in Portsmouth.

"Russell was recommended to us as a lad who wanted a chance to step up," said Atkins.

"Once we'd seen him we got him signed up as quickly as possible and he scored five goals in two games in pre-season."

"He played really well in our friendly against Havant & Waterlooville too, causing them all sorts of problems. They told me to get him on contract or else someone else would."

Atkins and May's first taste of football management came last season with a five-month spell in the Sussex County League with Littlehampton-based Clymping.

"I only went there on a temporary basis to help an old colleague out and got Steve to come over with me. It was a good experience and gave us a chance to cut our teeth as a partnership," explained former forward Atkins, 42, who started his playing career at Portsmouth.

He moved on to Sidlesham, Portfield (now Chichester), Eastleigh and Moneyfields before hanging up his boots at the age of 30 through injury.

Just prior to taking on the Clymping job, he helped out with some coaching at AFC Portchester where his son was playing.

Looking forward to continuing his partnership with May at Fawcett's Field, Atkins said: "We both have more than 22 years' experience at this level or above and feel we have a lot to offer."

"We've always wanted to put something back into the game. We're not in it for the money and only want to help New Milton fulfil their potential."

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Confident Killick aims high

POOLE Town boss Tom Killick insists he is not afraid to target a Southern League division one play-off place this season.

Having beaten Stourport on the opening day of the season, the Dolphins were defeated 3-2 at Sholing this week. But Killick, pictured below, believes that his side can challenge for promotion alongside the Boatmen after finally making the step up from the Wessex Premier.

He said: "We'll have to give it a few more games before we know where we're at in this league but we want to be promoted."

"We're not frightened to be put up to be shot at. We want to be challenging in the super reaches of the league and maybe the play-offs will come into the equation."

"Having the play-offs is the great thing about this league, they make the season more competitive for more sides for longer."

"And I would rather put my neck on the line and say we can finish in the top five as I don't want to say this is a season of consolidation and just say I'm pleased to be here."

"That's not the way we want to approach it at all."

Killick has been pleased with how his side has fared: "Without being disrespectful to Stourport I don't think they are one of the stronger sides in the league, but we gave as good as we got against Sholing."

"We competed well, but the margins between winning and losing are small and we just fell the wrong side of that on Wednesday night."

"I think Sholing would admit that it was evenly-contested throughout and we have to try to be encouraged by that."



Five-man midfield is key to Sholing success

COMMENT

By Alex Brady (Sholing under-16 player)

AHEAD of another season in the EVO-STIK Southern division one (South & West), Sholing will be hoping to push towards automatic promotion.

Last season's bitter disappointment – defeat to Frome Town in the play-off final after finishing second – should give the side the determination and desire to push for the top spot.

Another drive towards success should be the hunger to play Totton, last season's champions, next season.

But this season could see even more sides looking to clinch promotion.

Teams such as recently promoted Poole, who were defeated 3-2 at Portsmouth Road on Wednesday night, will be targeting a high league position.

Poole again are an example of the physicality that this league brings. Many sides in the league have big, strong players with the ability to shirk off quality opposition.

Sholing combat this all over the pitch with physical players, from centre back to centre forward. The tenacious, never-say-die attitude of Lee Wort, below right, has the ability to give even the biggest, most experienced centre halves a scare. His growing confidence around the box makes him dangerous all the time, he always looks like scoring and can do so with his head as well as his feet.

Wort's partner at the spearhead of the Sholing attack is Kevin Gibbens, whose size and power enables him to hold off even the strongest defenders in the league.

Gibbens' touch and ability to bring down a high delivery makes him one of Sholing's biggest assets. With superb close control, defenders often find it hard to take the ball from him.

The central midfield slots are also filled with power and energy and new signing Iain Seabrook and Byron Mason have started the season well, working and battling hard after getting the nod from manager Dave Diaper ahead of other players.

Sholing's recent tactics have called upon taking one striker out of the equation and adding an extra man in



KEY MAN: Sholing's Byron Mason (red/white).

central midfield. This extra man has meant that in recent games top goal scorer Wort has started on the bench.

Youth team graduate Jack McCarthy is the player Diaper has given the midfield role to. Having three in midfield allows the two wingers, Marvin McLean and Barry Mason, a more attacking role.

It also means that Byron Mason and McCarthy push forward, forcing midfielders to track back with them and in doing so creating space for Seabrook.

Having arrived from Newport IOW last month, Seabrook has shown he has the skill and ability to use the ball simply in the holding role, helping his team maintain possession in strong attacking positions while also offering the threat of a defence-splitting pass.

Having an extra man in midfield could make all the difference for Sholing this season as most teams stick to the conventional 4-4-2 system.

Sholing's main advantages in previous seasons have been their fitness and steady stream of players from the youth team. The former has been a key factor as they often spent 89 minutes goalless, wearing teams down until their legs were jelly and then grabbing a last-minute winner, which often came from releasing the raw pace of McLean down the right.

He caused full backs a great deal of trouble last term and they now also have Barry Mason on the opposite flank who can do just the same as McLean.

Having players who have come up through the youth system means they tend to gel well together, with the coaches having the opportunity to teach players Sholing's style of play at an early age.

It's a season that promises great success.



Bassiriki's X-appeal

HAMWORTHY United manager Simon Browne believes Diane Bassiriki can provide his side with the X-factor.

Bassiriki made the switch from Poole Town after failing to nail down a first-team berth under Tom Killick.

The striker was born in West African country Burkina Faso, one of the poorest nations on the planet, and was involved in professional football in both Morocco and Poland before moving to the UK.

He scored his first goal as Hamworthy defeated New Milton Town 4-1 this week.

Browne said: "He is a bit of a character. His grasp of English is not brilliant, but he is fluent in dozens of other languages!"

"For the first game of the season, I told the players they had to turn up in a shirt and tie and he looked at me and laughed and then turned up in a track-suit!"

"He is a bit of an enigma but he has a bit about him and has that unknown element that defenders hate. He could have the X-factor for us."

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OPENING DAY WIN: Lee Burch.

DREAM START FOR LEE

HYTHER & Dibden co-manager Lee Burch could not have wished for a better start from his new-look squad last week.

The Waterside outfit began with a 4-1 Wessex One defeat of Tadley Calleva in Burch and Wayne Harvey's first game in charge, **writes SIMON WALTER.**

"At this stage of the season you never know what to expect from teams and go into them almost blind so we were delighted to come away with that result," said Burch, a 27-year-old UEFA B Licence coach who works for the FA.

"We didn't know what to expect, I'd never been to Tadley before and we had a big rebuilding job over the summer."

"The whole squad, with the exception of four players, have been brought in since the end of last season."

One of those new players was Roy Viner, who gave Hythe a second-minute lead at Tadley.

"Viner's looked excellent in pre-season and that goal settled us down," said Burch.

"Unfortunately we lost a lot of our targets to Wessex Premier clubs like Totton & Eling and Christchurch but we're pleased with the group we've got."

"It's a very young squad largely made up of lads from the Waterside area. We pushed on from that early goal and were the better side for 90 per cent of the first half."

"They came back into it and had their tails up in the second half, when they came at us really strong, but we were a threat on the counter attack."

"They had a man sent off and Ashley Hewer scored the resulting free kick. And after we went down to ten men, I scored a late penalty."

"Hopefully we can build on that performance but I think Brockenhurst will be the team to beat this year, having just come down and kept players like Mike Spinner and Dave Wakefield."

Local and national football fixtures for the week ahead

Sunday, August 21
BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE
Bolton v Man City (4.00), Norwich v Stoke (1.30), Wolverhampton v Fulham (2.00).

npower LEAGUE
Championship: Middlesbrough v Birmingham, West Ham v Leeds.
League 2: Swindon v Oxford Utd.

Monday, August 22
BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE
Man Utd v Tottenham (8.00).
BLUE SQUARE BET CONFERENCE

South: Boreham Wood v Basingstoke, Chelmsford v Farnborough.

EVOSTIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE
South & West: Gosport Borough v Didcot Town, Taunton Town v Wimborne Town.

Tuesday, August 23
UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE
Play-off second leg: Apoel Nicosia v Wisla Krakow, FC Zurich v Bayern Munich, Genk v Maccabi Haifa, Malmö FF v Dinamo Zagreb, Villarreal v Odense BK.

CARLING CUP
First round: Bristol Rovers v Watford, Charlton v Reading, Crystal Palace v Crawley Town.

Second round: Aston Villa v Hereford, Bournemouth v West Brom, Brighton v Sunderland, Burnley v Barnet, Bury v Leicester, Cardiff v Huddersfield, Doncaster v Leeds, Millwall v Morecambe, Northampton v Wolverhampton, Norwich v Milton Keynes Dons, QPR v Rochdale, Shrewsbury v Swansea, Wycombe v Nottm Forest.

BLUE SQUARE BET CONFERENCE

Premier: AFC Telford v Lincoln City, Barrow v Fleetwood Town, Darlington v Alfreton Town, Ebbsfleet United v Newport County, Forest Green v Braintree Town, Grimsby v Cambridge Utd, Hayes & Yeading v Bath City, Kettering v York, Kidderminster v Stockport, Mansfield v Luton, Southport v Gateshead, Wrexham v Tarnworth.
South: Dover v Dartford, Eastbourne Borough v Bromley, Eastleigh v Woking, Hampton & Richmond v Dorchester, Maidenhead Utd v Thurrock, Salisbury v Truro City, Sutton Utd v Staines Town, Welling v Tonbridge Angels, Weston-s-Mare v Havant & Waterlooville.

EVOSTIK LEAGUE
Southern Premier: Arlesey Town v Brackley Town, Banbury United v Redditch United, Bedford Town v Barwell, Chesham United v Cambridge City, Evesham United v Frome Town, Hemel Hempstead Town v AFC Totton, Oxford City v Bashly, St Albans City v Hitchin Town, Stourbridge v Leamington, Weymouth v Chippenham Town.

Southern South & West: Bideford v Mangotsfield United, Cinderford Town v Bridgwater Town, Clevedon Town v Stourport Swifts, Hungerford Town v Bishops Cleeve, North Leigh v Sholing, Paulton Rovers v Tiverton Town, Poole Town v Thatcham Town, Yate Town v Halesowen Town.

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE
Premier: Blacfield & Langley v Fareham Town, Brading Town v Alton town, downton v Lynton Town, GE Hamble v Newport (IoW), Moneyfields v Romsey town, New Milton town v Fawley.

WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE
Division 1 East: Whitchurch United v Winchester City

PUMA ENGINEERING HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE
Premier: AFC Stoneham v Otterbourne, Colden Common v Winchester Castle, Hamble Club v Fleetlands, Hedge End Rangers v QK Southampton, Liss Athletic v Liphook United, Sporting BW v Paulsgrove, University of Portsmouth v Clanfield.



LOOKING GOOD: Romsey Town Youth Panthers show off their new kit, which is sponsored by Greatbridge Motor Services, Romsey. Saints legend Lawrie McMenemy presented the new kit to the boys this week. He is pictured with Dave Garland, John Gomer, Mark Stewart, and the Romsey Youth players.

Combination: Fleetlands v Locks Heath, Otterbourne v Winchester Castle.

Wednesday, August 24
UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE
Play-off second leg: Benfica v FC Twente, Plzen v FC Copenhagen, Rubin Kazan v Lyon, SK Sturm Graz v BATE, Udinese v Arsenal.

CARLING CUP
First round: Bristol City v Swindon, West Ham v Aldershot.
Second round: Blackburn v Sheffield Wed, Bolton v Macclesfield, Everton v Sheffield Utd, Exeter v Liverpool, Peterborough v Middlesbrough.

EVOSTIK LEAGUE
Southern Premier: Swindon Supermarine v Cirencester Town.

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE
Premier: Winchester City v Alesford Town.

WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE
Premier Division: Moneyfields v Poole, Wimborne Town v Bashly.
Division 1 West: Brockenhurst v Fawley AFC, Downton v Hythe & Dibden, Laverstock & Ford v Lynton Town, Totton & Eling v Verwood.
Division 1 East: Petersfield Town v Alton Town.

Thursday, August 25
UEFA EUROPA LEAGUE

Play-off round second leg: AEK v Rosenborg, AZ v Aalesund, Alania Vladikavkaz v Besiktas, Anderlecht v Bursaspor, Birmingham v Nacional, CSKA Sofia v Steaua Bucuresti, Club Brugge v FC Zestafoni, Dinamo Bucuresti v Vorskla, Dinamo Tbilisi v AEK Athens, Dnipro v Fulham, Dynamo Kiev v Litex Lovech, FC Sion v Celtic, FC Spartak Trnava v Lokomotiv Moscow, Gaz Metan v FK Austria Vienna, Guimaraes v Atletico Madrid, Hapoel Tel-Aviv v FK Ekranas, Helsingborgs IF v Standard Liege, Karpaty Lviv v PAOK Salonika, PSG v FC 03 Differdange, PSV v SV Ried, Panathinaikos v Maccabi Tel-Aviv, Partizan Belgrade v Shamrock Rovers, Rabotnicki Kometal v Lazio,

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CARLING CUP
Second round: Scunthorpe v Newcastle.

Friday, August 26
UEFA SUPER CUP
Barcelona v FC Porto (Stade Louis II).

BLUE SQUARE BET CONFERENCE
Premier: Fleetwood Town v York, Lincoln City v Stockport.
South: Dorchester v Eastleigh.

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE
Premier: Moneyfields v Fareham Town.

Saturday, August 27
(All 3pm KO unless stated otherwise)
BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE
Aston Villa v Wolverhampton (12.05), Blackburn v Everton, Chelsea v Norwich, Liverpool v Bolton (5.30), Swansea v Sunderland, Wigan v QPR (12.30).

npower FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Championship: Brighton v Peterborough, Crystal Palace v Blackpool, Derby v Burnley, Doncaster v Bristol City, Hull v Reading, Ipswich v Leeds, Leicester v SAINTS, Middlesbrough v Coventry, Millwall v Barnsley, Portsmouth v Cardiff.
League 1: Bournemouth v Walsall, Brentford v Tranmere, Bury v Charlton, Colchester v Oldham, Exeter v Chesterfield, Huddersfield v Wycombe, Leyton Orient v Carlisle, Milton Keynes Dons v Stevenage, Preston v Notts County, Rochdale v Hartlepool, Sheffield Wed v Scunthorpe, Yeovil v Sheffield Utd (1.00).
League 2: Accrington Stanley v

Burton Albion, Bradford v Barnet, Bristol Rovers v Hereford, Cheltenham v Crawley Town, Dag & Red v Torquay, Macclesfield v AFC Wimbledon, Northampton v Morecambe, Oxford Utd v Aldershot, Plymouth v Crewe, Port Vale v Southend, Rotherham v Gillingham, Shrewsbury v Swindon.

BLUE SQUARE BET CONFERENCE

Premier: AFC Telford v Newport County, Alfreton Town v Wrexham, Barrow v Gateshead, Bath City v Tarnworth, Cambridge Utd v Hayes & Yeading, Ebbsfleet United v Forest Green, Grimsby v Darlington, Kidderminster v Southport, Luton v Braintree Town, Mansfield v Kettering.
South: Boreham Wood v Thurrock, Bromley v Sutton Utd, Chelmsford v Dartford, Dover v Tonbridge Angels, Hampton & Richmond v Farnborough, Havant & Waterlooville v Truro City, Maidenhead Utd v Staines Town, Welling v Eastbourne Borough, Weston-s-Mare v Salisbury, Woking v Basingstoke.

FA PREMIER ACADEMY LEAGUE
SAINTS YTH v Man Utd Yth (11.00).

EVOSTIK LEAGUE
Southern Premier: Banbury United v St Albans City, Bashly v Redditch United, Cambridge City v Frome Town, Chesham United v Swindon Supermarine, Chippenham Town v Brackley Town, Evesham United v Oxford City, Hemel Hempstead Town v Barwell, Hitchin Town v Cirencester Town, Leamington v AFC Totton, Stourbridge v Arlesey Town, Weymouth v Bedford Town.
South & West: Bideford v Yate Town, Bridgwater Town v Bishops Cleeve, Cinderford Town v Tiverton Town, Clevedon Town v Taunton Town, Didcot Town v Thatcham Town, Hungerford Town v Wimborne Town, Mangotsfield United v Halesowen Town, North Leigh v Gosport Borough, Poole Town v Abingdon United, Stourport Swifts v Paulton Rovers.

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE
Premier: Alesford Town v

Hordean, Alton town v GE Hamble, Bournemouth v Fawley, Downton v Bemerton Heath Harlequins, Hamworthy United v Lynton town, Laverstock & Ford v Blackfield & Langley, New Milton town v Totton & Eling, Romsey town v Newport (IoW), Winchester City v Hayling United.

Division 1: Brockenhurst v AFC Portchester, Fleet Spurs v Ringwood town, Petersfield Town v Team Solent, Pewsey Vale v United Services, Stockbridge v Andover New Street, Verwood town v East Cowes, Warminster Town v Hythe & Dibden, Whitchurch United v Amesbury Town.

WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE
Premier Division: AFC Totton v Bemerton Heath, Fleet Town v Christchurch, Newport (IoW) v Poole Town, Wimborne Town v Moneyfields.

Division 1 West: East Cowes Victoria v Downton, Totton & Eling v Laverstock & Ford.
Division 1 East: AFC Portchester v Alton Town, Fareham Town v Petersfield Town, Hayling United v Winchester City, East Hordean v GE Hamble.

PUMA ENGINEERING HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE
Premier: Bournemouth Sports v Overton United, Fleetlands v AFC Aldermaston, Hedge End Rangers v Clantfield, Liphook United v Locks Heath, Otterbourne v Liss Athletic, Paulsgrove v AFC Stoneham, QK Southampton v Sporting BW, University of Portsmouth v Colden Common, Winchester Castle v Hamble club.
Combination: AFC Stoneham v Paulsgrove, Clantfield v QK Southampton, Colden Common v Liphook United, Hamble Club v Overton United, Liss Athletic v Fleetlands, Sporting BW v AFC Aldermaston.

MAGNATA HAMPSHIRE LEAGUE
Four Marks v Infinity, Hordean United v Broughton.

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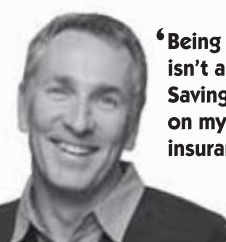
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10	I SEE YOU G Margaron 9 0	A McCarthy 1
11	LADYSHIP (44) (BF) Sir M Stoute 9 0	K Fallon 2
12	MORNING MUSE (11) P Winkworth 9 0	S De Sousa 15
13	PERCHANCE Sir H Cecil 9 0	T Queally 7
14	SANDBANKS S Kirk 9 0	J Doyle 11
15	SMART AFFAIR B Millman 9 0	J Millman 9
16	THE GAMES GUY (IRE) P Evans 9 0	Cathy Gannon 5

BETTING: 9-4 Ladyship, 5-1 Perchance, 8-1 Beach Candy, 11-1 Hey Fiddle Fiddle, Esprit Danseur, Cockney Dancer, Fairyinthewind, 14-1 Byton, 25-1 others.

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2	4546	TINA'S SPIRIT (IRE) (23) R Hannon 9 7	D O'Neill 7
3	0226	MACCABEES (11) (BF) B Millman 9 7	J Millman 9
4	153002	MIDDLETON FLYER (IRE) (22) P Evans 9 7	Cathy Gannon 5
5	2100	ROYAL BLUSH (9) (D) P Cole 9 6	S De Sousa 10
6	1500	BEWILDER (12) J Gosden 9 2	M Halford 1
7	325	MISS CONDUCT (38) J Spearing 9 2	N Mackay 8
8	33066	LORD ALI MCJONES (55) (BF) T Dascombe 9 0	C Bishop (7) 4
9	46024	KARUGA (22) R Hannon 8 13	R Hughes 12
10	551450	FARAWAY (25) (D) P Evans 8 13	Cathy Gannon 6
11	034	ELEGANT FLIGHT (14) A Jarvis 8 12	H Bentley (3) 2
12	040	JOHNSON'S CAT (IRE) (46) R C Guest 8 4	

BETTING: 10-3 Red Mischief, 9-2 Middleton Flyer, 7-1 Bewilder, 8-1 Tina's Spirit, Maccabees, 11-1 Karuga, Royal Blush, Lord Ali McJones, Elegant Flight, 14-1 others.

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2	00	GARRARUFA (IRE) (11) B Millman 8 12	J Millman 4
3	00	GEORGE TILFHURST (17) J S Moore 8 12	R Powell (5) 2
4	0	GLITTER (IRE) (11) R Hannon 8 12	S Levey (3) 9
5	043	KING KENOBI (IRE) (17) J S Moore 8 12	L Keniry 3
6	00	TURN THE PAGE (71) A McCabe 8 12	T Queally 11
7	00	WISE LORD A Haynes 8 12	R Havlin 5
8	330034	YAMMOS (IRE) (17) M Channon 8 12	M Davies (3) 10
9	0	AUNTY MAVIS (IRE) (33) R Harris 8 7	
10	4	BEACON LAD (81) W G M Turner 8 7	K Fox (3) 12
11	000P	BERTORELLA (IRE) (38) R Beckett 8 7	M Lane 8
12	0006	MAKE UP (17) R Hannon 8 7	R Hughes 1
13	233550	QUEEN OF THE HOP (12) J S Moore 8 7	Luke Morris 13
14	063534	RIVER NOVA (17) A Jarvis 8 7	H Bentley (3) 7

BETTING: 2-1 Yammos, 4-1 King Kenobi, 7-1 Queen Of The Hop, 8-1 Make Up, 10-1 Bertorella, 12-1 River Nova, 14-1 Wise Lord, 20-1 Glitter, Beacon Lady, 25-1 others.

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2	033323	DESERT STRIKE (13) (D) A McCabe 5 9 9	J Poullis 10
3	000016	DANZOE (IRE) (19) (D) Mrs C Dunnett 4 9 7	S De Sousa 8
4	600000	CAPE ROYAL (13) (CD) J Bradley 11 9 5	K Fallon 1
5	3-1003	LEADENHALL LASS (IRE) (25) (CD) P Phelan 5 9 5	Jemma Marshall

6	400411	CRIMSON QUEEN (5) (D) R Brotherton 4 9 4 (6x)	J Doyle 2
7	-00030	WHOTEALTHEPIUS (IRE) (51) (CD) D Ivory 3 9 3	S W Kelly 12
8	246626	PATCH PATCH (10) (D) R Shaw 4 9 2	R FitzPatrick 9
9	000000	PICANSORT (33) (D) B Johnson 4 9 1	J Quinn 11
10	031100	LORD OF THE REINS (IRE) (33) (D10) P O'Gorman 7 9 0 P	Cosgrave

11	046121	IMAGINARY DIVA (12) (CD) G Margaron 5 8 13	T Queally 6
12	-00043	MADAM ISSHE (13) (D) M Saunders 4 8 6	Cathy Gannon 3

BETTING: 4-1 Desert Strike, 9-2 Imaginary Diva, 11-2 Crimson Queen, 10-1 Leadenhall Lass, Even Bolder, 11-1 Madam Isshe, Patch Patch, Danzoe, Whotealthepius, 14-1 others.

7.20

**SPORTINGBET.COM MAIDEN STAKES
(CLASS 5). £3,500 added 3YO PLUS 1m 2f
Penalty Value £2,386.**

1	5	RYSBRACK (USA) (16) P R Webber 5 9 11	
2	24	ALMAGEST (81) (BF) J Gosden 3 9 3	R Hughes 7
3	02-	DURANTE ALIGHIERI (271) Sir H Cecil 3 9 3	T Queally 8
4	3-	JAMEEL (USA) (285) S Bin Suroor 3 9 3	D O'Neill 5
5	-53050	MALANOS (IRE) (45) D Elsworth 3 9 3	N Mackay 9

Monday's runners

6		RACE TO DUBAI (USA) S Bin Suroor 3 9 3	T Durcan 2
7		RIVIERA STARS M Bell 3 9 3	Hayley Turner 13
8		TADABEER (65) I Williams 3 9 3	
9	42-	THE MONGOOSE (356) (BF) Sir M Stoute 3 9 3	K Fallon 10
10		TOUCHING THE STARS M Channon 3 9 3	J Doyle 11
11	42	CAIRNCROSS (IRE) (8) M Johnston 3 8 12	S De Sousa 3
12		CHAPATTI (IRE) S C Williams 3 8 12	R Clark (3) 14
13		MARSHMALLOW C Wall 3 8 12	J Mitchell 4
14		RYDEALE LASS J Tuite 3 8 12	E Creighton 1

BETTING: 7-2 Durante Alighieri, 11-2 Cairncross, 6-1 Almagest, 7-1 The Mongoose, 8-1 Race To Dubai, Jamsel, 12-1 Rysbrack, 16-1 Tadabeer, Malanos, Riviera Stars, Touching The Stars, 25-1 others.

7.50

**SPORTINGBET.COM HANDICAP (CLASS 4).
£6,300 added 3YO PLUS 1m 2f Penalty Value
£4,075.**

1	0-2120	ROUND WON (USA) (142) (D) W Knight 4 10 0	S W Kelly 8
2	002440	MOYNAHAN (USA) (11) P Cole 6 10 0	P Doe 3
3	050101	WILLOW DANCER (IRE) (19) W R Swinburn 7 10 0	A Kirby 7
4	23-120	KEN'S GIRL (26) (CD) W Kitten 7 9 11	D Sweeney 10
5	0-4664	THE CAYTERERS (224) (CD) A Carroll 9 9 9	R Da Silva (7) 6
6	053010	ON KHEE (11) (CD) H Morrison 4 9 8	S Drowne 2
7	123	GALIANO (19) (BF) J Nosed 3 9 6	J Fortune 11
8	000060	SOUTH CAPE (11) G L Moore 8 9 5	G Baker 4
9	221303	MISS BOOTYLISHES (14) (D) P Burgoyne 6 3 3	D Kenny (7) 9
10	000004	FOLLOW THE FLAG (IRE) (15) (D) A McCabe 7 9 1	J Poullis 12
11	-30111	COLINCA'S LAD (IRE) (7) (CD) P Charalambous 9 8 9	Rosie Jessop

12	-53516	ABERGELDIE (USA) (30) A Balding 3 8 8	D Probert 5
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BETTING: The Cayters, 3-1 Willow Dancer, 9-2 Galiano, 15-2 On Khee, 10-1 Miss Bootylishes, Colinca's Lad, Moynahan, 12-1 Abergeldie, Ken's Girl, Follow The Flag, Round Won, 16-1 South Cape.

KEMPTON

Going: Standard

2.15

**32 ONLINE CASINO NURSERY (CLASS 6).
£2,500 added 2YO only 5f Penalty Value
£1,617.**

1	444356	BALM (18) R Hannon 9 7	R Hughes 9
2	04245	DRESSED IN LACE (11) A Balding 9 5	J Fortune 6
3	6601	SELBAAR (12) C Dwyer 9 3	A Alzen 2
4	0006	COMPTON BIRD (10) H Adielsson 8 13	J Doyle 8
5	026333	ROY'S LEGACY (6) S A Harris 8 9	R FitzPatrick 1
6	005656	RUSSIAN BULLET (11) J Osborne 8 9	D Sweeney 4
7	60423	MASIVO MAN (IRE) (75) C Dwyer 8 8	F Norton 7
8	504	MR HENDRIX (18) B Johnson 8 8	W Carson 10
9	040	ARABIAN FLIGHT (18) E Dunlop 8 4	C Catlin 5
10	006	COMPTON MONARCH (11) H Adielsson 8 4	Sophie Doyle (3) 3

BETTING: 10-3 Roy's Legacy, 4-1 Selbaar, Balm, 6-1 Dressed In Lace, 7-1 Arabian Flight, 8-1 Masivo Man, 12-1 Compton Monarch, 16-1 Russian Bullet, 33-1 others.

2.45

**32 FOR SLOTS MAIDEN FILLIES' STAKES
(CLASS 5). £3,500 added 3YO PLUS 1m 2f
Penalty Value £2,264.**

1		CARDI CRYSTAL (IRE) (10) Wood 4 9 6	J Doyle 9
2	0	BALANDRA (23) L Cumari 3 8 12	Kirsty Milczarek 1
3	232050	BLAISE CHORUS (IRE) (16) C Hills 3 8 12	M Hills 12
4	00	CRANWORTH QUEST (IRE) (23) T Etherington 3 8 12	J Quinn 10
5	0343	DAWN GALE (IRE) (31) H Morrison 3 8 12	S Drowne 8
6	46	ECOSSAISE (29) M Johnston 3 8 12	S De Sousa 13
7	6-25	HAIRSTYLE (14) Sir M Stoute 3 8 12	R Hughes 16
8	0	LUCKY DIME (19) N Quinlan 3 8 12	C Catlin 5
9	63	MAZ (12) A Bailey 3 8 12	
10		MIDNIGHT WALTZ Sir M Prescott 3 8 12	S Sanders 7
11	0	NAJRAAN (56) C Brittain 3 8 12	P Robinson 11

12	0	PERILOUSLY (USA) (98) (BF) J Nosed 3 8 12	R Hughes 2
13	06	SHIKRA (11) E Stanford 3 8 12	W Carson 14
14		SWEET LAVENDER (IRE) S Bin Suroor 3 8 12	T Durcan 4

BETTING: 5-2 Sweet Lavender, 11-2 Hairstyle, 6-1 Dawn Gale, 13-2 Blaise Chorus, 8-1 Perilously, 10-1 Ecosaise, 12-1 Midnight Waltz, 16-1 Balandra, Maz, 20-1 others.

3.15

**32 FOR BLACKJACK HANDICAP (CLASS 5).
£3,500 added 3YO PLUS 1m 2f Penalty Value
£2,264.**

1	622460	LASTINGGUYSCOTLAND (IRE) (10) C Dove 5 9 13	Hayley Turner 2
2	01-066	DALHAAN (USA) (19) (D) L Dace 6 9 13	S W Kelly 9
3	-00401	TIO TINTO (19) (C) G Bravery 4 9 11	W Carson 5
4	000060	RUXEDO (7) (C) P Hlatt 6 9 10	Luke Morris 4
5	124000	MICK'S DANCER (35) (D) R Phillips 6 9 8	R Havlin 12
6	333500	STRIIDING EDGE (IRE) (7) (C) H Adielsson 5 9 8	J Doyle 14
7	430030	COMMERCE (30) G L Moore 4 9 6	G Baker 8
8	-04650	SILVERLASS (IRE) (18) (D) W Knight 5 9 6	S Sanders 10
9	1-0653	JODAWES (USA) (17) (C) Best 4 9 4	S Drowne 1
10	004	HEIGHT OF SUMMER (IRE) (16) C Wall 3 9 4	T Durcan 6
11	P23440	SIGNORA FRASI (IRE) (19) (C) A Newcombe 6 9 3	D Sweeney 3
12	004246	DARE TO BARE (IRE) (17) Mrs A Perrett 3 9 2	J Crowley 7
13	313056	DIPLOMASI (19) (C) Brittain 3 9 2	P Robinson 13
14	02-500	FIFTY CENTS (74) B Powell 7 9 0	J B Powell (7) 11

BETTING: 3-1 Rio Tinto, 11-2 Jodaves, 6-1 Commerce, 10-1 Lastingguy Scotland, Height of Summer, Fifty Cents, Diplomas, 12-1 Dare To Bare, Silverlass, 14-1 others.

3.45

**32 FOR POKER CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS
6). £2,500 added 3YO PLUS 1m Penalty Value
£1,617.**

1	4/20-6	DARK ISLANDER (IRE) (23) (D) J S Moore 8 9 12	Luke Morris 5
2	061002	EZDEYAAD (USA) (10) (D) Ed Walker 7 9 12	M J J Murphy (7) 10

4.15

**32 FOR BINGO E.B.F. MAIDEN FILLIES'
STAKES (CLASS 5). £5,000 added 2YO only
1m Penalty Value £3,234.**

1		ALBAMARA Sir M Prescott 9 0	S Sanders 2
2	0	ANJAZ (USA) S Bin Suroor 9 0	T Durcan 4
3	0	COLORI D'AMORE (7) D Shaw 9 0	R FitzPatrick 5
4	0	FOX'S AMBERS (FR) (19) R Hannon 9 0	K O'Neill (3) 10
5	00	IDOLS EYE (IRE) R Hannon 9 0	S Levey (3) 7
6	5	IDYLIC STAR (IRE) (45) J S Moore 9 0	L Keniry 11
7	0	MORMORAN (65) C Dwyer 9 0	J Quinn 6
8	0	MOTHEEBA (USA) E Dunlop 9 0	T O'Shea 8
9	0	PANETTEONE (IRE) R Varian 9 0	N Callan 9
10	0	TIGER CUB (45) R Charlton 9 0	S Drowne 3
11		ZENAAT Sir M Stoute 9 0	K Fallon 1

BETTING: 2-1 Anjaz, 9-2 Zenaat, 6-1 Idylic Star, Panetteone, 15-2 Albamara, 10-1 Motheeaba, 14-1 Idols Eye, Tiger Cub, 20-1 others.

4.45

**32 FOR BETTING HANDICAP (CLASS 6).
£2,500 added 3YO only 1m 4f Penalty Value
£1,617.**

1	500350	CORVETTE (38) J R Jenkins 9 0	N Callan 9
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Monday's runners

2	-40304	MINISTRY (6) (BF) J Best 9 6	Luke Morris 3
3	-45522	GOLESTAN PALACE (IRE) (32) (BF) Ed Walker 9 5	N Mackay 4
4	000211	TEGAN (IRE) (15) (D) R Hannon 9 5	K O'Neill (3) 7
5	000	DECANA (35) H Morrison 9 4	S Drowne 6
6	005105	RATHER COOL (6) J Bridger 9 3	S Levey (3) 1
7	0-00	CANTOR (38) G Bravery 8 13	W Carson 8
8	-60505	ART THIEF (14) S Kirk 8 1	
9	-53632	EASYDOEST (IRE) (7) A Carroll 8 7	D Probert 5

BETTING: 9-4 Tegan, 3-1 Golestan Palace, 5-1 Easydoest, 8-1 Art Thief, 10-1 Rather Cool, Ministry, 12-1 Decana, 20-1 Corvette, 25-1 Cantor.

5.15

**32 FOR RUMMY HANDICAP (CLASS 4). £6,300
added 3YO PLUS 7f Penalty Value £4,075.**

1	0-4640	IMPRIMIS TAGULA (IRE) (65) (D) A Bailey 7 9 11	Alex Owen (7) 9
2	1-0551	SNOW MAGIC (IRE) (47) (C) J Fanshawe 4 9 9	DOUBTFUL 7
3	133316	RONDEAU (GR) (19) (C) (D) P Chamings 6 9 8	G Baker 2
4	221	KAWSSAJ (14) (D) R Varian 3 9 7	N Callan 12
5	-42442	LAWSON BULLET (IRE) (30) (BF) M Saunders 3 9 6 L-P	Beuzelin (3) 3
6	116004	SHE AIN'T A SAINT (25) (CD) J Chapple-Hyam 3 9 6	A Kirby 6
7	470030	DOUZE POINTS (IRE) (23) Ed De Giles 5 9 5	S Levey (3) 14
8	-00604	MORETTA BLANCHE (9) (D) R Beckett 4 9 5	J Fahy (3) 4
9	2-0634	GOLDEN TEMPEST (IRE) (35) (C) W R Swinburn 3 9 5	J Crowley 8
10	6332-1	CAPE RAMBLER (38) (D) H Candy 3 9 5	D Sweeney 11
11	2143	FOXTRIT HOT (IRE) (29) P Winkworth 3 9 5	Luke Morris 5
12	003506	OCEAN LEGEND (IRE) (14) (CD) A Carroll 6 9 3	M O'Connell (3) 13
13	132030	COPPERWOOD (79) (CD) M Blanshard 6 9 1	T Durcan 10
14	51-050	CHARLES FOSTERKANE (5) (D) J Best 3 8 13	S Drowne 1

BETTING: 3-1 Kawssaj, 9-2 Cape Rambler, 6-1 Local Singer, 7-1 Foxtrit Hot, 10-1 Golden Tempest, 12-1 Moretta Blanche, She Ain't A Saint, 14-1 Rondeau, Copperwood, Charles Fosterkane, Imprimis Tagula, 33-1 others.

HAMILTON

Going: Good-Good to Soft in places

2.30

**GLENGOYNE HIGHLAND SINGLE MALT
AMATEUR RIDERS' HANDICAP (CLASS 6).
£2,500 added 4YO PLUS 6f Penalty Value
£1,646.**

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Horse Racing

NEWTON ABBOT Sunday's runners

Going: Good-Good to Soft in places

2.00 TOTEPLACEPOT WIN WITHOUT BACKING A WINNER NOVICES' HURDLE (CLASS 4). £3,950 added 4YO PLUS 2m 3f Penalty Value £2,703.

101 0/1-10 BUSINESSMONEY JUDI (72) (BF) D Pipe 5 11 5 T Scudamore
102 101-102 HES OUR LAD (IRE) (42) (D) A Honeyball 5 11 5 Rachael Green (5)
103 U-12/23 GOURANGA SOCIETY (IRE) (3) V Hughes 7 10 12 R Flint
104 4133-P SI BIEN (FR) (35) N Aylliffe 6 10 12 Gemma G-Davison (5)
105 P4FP-6 SOURCHAMP (FR) (144) A Whiting 5 10 12 J M Davies
106 PITTON RIVERS Dr J Naylor 7 10 5 W Kavanagh (3)
107 00 POINT OF REFERENCE (23) N Mulholland 4 10 3 A Guerin (10)

BETTING: 10-11 Hes Our Lad, 7-4 Businessmoney Judi, 6-1 Si Bien, 25-1 Gouranga Society, Pitton Rivers, 50-1 Souchamp, 66-1 Point Of Reference.

2.30 TRY TOTEQUICKPICK IF YOU'RE FEELING LUCKY NOVICES' CHASE (CLASS 3). £8,500 added 4YO PLUS 2m 5f 110yds Penalty Value £5,523.

201 123115 ZHUKOV (IRE) (24) (CD) K Tork 9 11 12 Mr M Hampton (7)
202 F53-01 BENABNE HEAD (USA) (88) (CD) M Keighley 7 11 8 A P McCoy
203 3-132/3 BERMUDA BOY (FR) (35) (BF) P Nicholls 6 11 2 D Jacob
204 2P5-43 PERSIAN RUN (IRE) (4) (D) C L Tizzard 7 11 6 J Tizzard
205 /10P-1 GAN ON (27) (D) A Honeyball 7 11 1 Rachael Green (5)

BETTING: 7-4 Benabne Head, 2-1 Bermuda Boy, 3-1 Gan On, 8-1 Persian Run, 20-1 Zhukov.

3.00 LORD MILDMAY MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (LISTED) (CLASS 1). £40,000 added 4YO PLUS 2m 5f 110yds Penalty Value £23,092.

301 4062-0 SAFARI JOURNEY (USA) (106) (C) P Hobbs 7 11 12 R Flint

SUNDAY'S SELECTIONS

BALLINROBE: 2.20 Imperial Joey, 2.50 Dashing Ruby, 3.20 Kristal Komet, 3.50 Orange Touch, 4.25 Salesin, 4.55 Rayhani, 5.25 Gala Dancer.

FOLKESTONE: 2.10 Triggerlo, 2.40 Crown Ridge, 3.10 Wild Silk, 3.40 Fault, 4.10 Efistorm, 4.45 Entrance, 5.15 Sacred Shield.

NEWTON ABBOT: 2.00 Hes Our Lad, 2.30 Benabne Head, 3.00 MAMLOOK (NAP), 3.30 Skipper's Lad, 4.00 Swift Chap, 4.35 Just The Job, 5.05 Johns Spirit.

DOUBLE: Mamlook and Sacred Shield.

302 135-21 SIR IAN (IRE) (78) C Longsond 8 11 10 F de Giles
303 1203-P CLASSIC SWAIN (USA) (36) (C) P Nicholls 6 11 5 Ryan Mahon (3)
304 /1314-4 MAMLOOK (IRE) (109) (D) D Pipe 7 11 5 T Scudamore
305 30-122 THAT'LL DO (20) (D) P Nicholls 5 11 2 D Jacob
306 43-113 PILGRIMS LANE (IRE) (38) (D) M Keighley 7 11 2 J Derham (3)
307 P-1206 INVISIBLE MAN (FR) (36) (D) I Williams 6 11 1 D Costello
308 -113P0 WAKE BOARD (FR) (24) Dr R Newland 6 11 0 A P McCoy
309 -23146 HOO LA BALOO (FR) (12) P Nicholls 10 11 0 J Cowley (10)
310 331-35 BUCK MULLIGAN (36) (D) E Williams 6 10 13 P Moloney
311 46P-14 NORTH ISLAND (IRE) (38) P Bowen 9 10 11 J Moore
312 00P0-5 STEWARTS HOUSE (IRE) (87) (D) T Vaughan 9 10 9 R Johnson
313 -11F10 LIFE OF A LUSO (IRE) (36) (CD) P Henderson 7 10 7 T J O'Brien
314 2240-P I'M A LEGEND (23) (D) N Mulholland 9 10 7 M Quinlan (5)
315 4-2110 BUSHWACKER (IRE) (12) R Hodges 7 10 7 Mr J A Best (7)
316 5-3521 LORD RYEFORD (IRE) (33) (CD) T R George 11 10 6 P Brennan

BETTING: 11-2 Sir Ian, 7-1 Mamlook, 8-1 North Island, Lord Ryeford, That'll Do, 12-1 Safari Journey, Wake Board, Pilgrims Lane, 14-1 others.

3.30 TOTEEXACTA THE BETTER VALUE FORECAST HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS 4). £4,700 added 4YO PLUS 3m 2f 110yds Penalty Value £3,054.

401 1-F3P3 THE FERBANE MAN (IRE) (16) T Vaughan 7 11 12 R Johnson

402 -112U1 ICE WARRIOR (IRE) (367) M Keighley 9 11 2 J Derham (3)
403 00/23-4 IHEARDU (7) N Mulholland 5 10 13/7ex A Thornton
404 356P-1 JUSTABOUT (133) (CD)(BF) C L Tizzard 8 10 11 J Tizzard
405 1301P- CHIT CHAT (47) (BF) Jonjo O'Neill 6 10 8 R McLernon
406 P6-16 SKIPPER'S LAD (IRE) (12) C L Tizzard 9 10 3 S Twiston-Davies
407 22R-34

BETTING: 11-4 Ethiopia, 3-1 Iheardu, 9-2 The Ferbane Man, 7-1 Skipper's Lad, 8-1 Ice Warrior, Justabout, Chit Chat.

4.00 TOTESWINGER MORE WAYS TO WIN CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' MAIDEN HURDLE (CLASS 5). £2,700 added 4YO PLUS 2m 1f Penalty Value £1,848.

501 P/ ALMOST HERE (IRE) (1603) W J Reed 8 11 0 E Glassbury (3)
502 00/23-4 BAWDSEY BANK (4) R Hodges 5 11 0 J Kingston
503 403-P COOL THE HEELS (IRE) (32) C J Gray 6 11 0 M Griffiths
504 506-42 GREEN DU CIEL (FR) (12) T Vaughan 6 11 0 Michael Byrne (8)
505 PP-P5 MOVING WINGS (IRE) (33) Mrs G M Hamilton 6 11 0 Tom Cannon
506 0-0 MUNICH (IRE) (46) F Brennan 7 11 0 C Timmons (6)
507 3 SWIFT CHAP (26) P Hobbs 5 11 0 G Hawkins (3)
508 AVONCONI J Bradley 4 10 13 C J Davies (5)
509 00-00 COLONIAL HARRY (88) N Mulholland 4 10 13 E Linehan (6)
510 EXCELLENT VISION (F10) J Bradley 4 10 13 C Wallis (3)
511 0 GOODNIGHT ALFIE (FR) (102) D Pipe 4 10 13 Conor O'Farrell (3)
512 3/00-0 CINNAMON HILL (68) N Aylliffe 7 10 7 Gemma G-Davison
513 ZAFITL (IRE) (F790) H Howe 5 10 7 J Popham
514 ISHIPINK (F40) R Hodges 4 10 6 J Greenall (3)

BETTING: 11-10 Green Du Ciel, 2-1 Swift Chap, 6-1 Goodnight Alfie, 20-1 Moving Wings, Cool The Heels, Ishipink, Avonconi, 25-1 Excellent Vision, 50-1 others.

4.35 TRY TOTEQUICKPICK ON ALL TOTEPOOL BETS HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS 4). £3,950 added 4YO PLUS 2m 6f Penalty Value £2,703.

601 P00-41 KRISTALLO (GER) (7) P Bowen 6 11 13/7ex J Moore

602 42211- I CAN RUN CAN YOU (IRE) (140) Jonjo O'Neill 5 11 12 A P McCoy
603 44-613 JOCHESKI (IRE) (27) A Newcombe 7 11 10 R Thornton
604 66622- JUST THE JOB (IRE) (175) (D)(BF) N Mulholland 7 11 9M Quinlan (5)
605 2506-0 HERNE BAY (IRE) (47) (D) I Williams 11 11 7 H Frost
606 400300 THE GOOD GUY (IRE) (16) G McPherson 8 11 7 K Moore (10)
607 6105P5 ORION EXPRESS (12) (C)(D) Mrs S Gardner 10 11 6 Miss L Gardner

608 -12305 ON THE BRIDGE (IRE) (20) Miss L Blackford 6 11 4 S Thomas
609 61-640 VINTAGE FABRIC (USA) (49) (CD) N Hawke 9 11 1Ms Lisa O'Neill (7)
610 42F6/6 MAKIN A FUSS (31) M Hill 9 10 8 J Popham (3)

BETTING: 9-4 I Can Run Can You, 7-2 Kristallo, 4-1 Just The Job, 7-1 Jocheski, 8-1 On The Bridge, 14-1 Herne Bay, 16-1 The Good Guy, 20-1 Orion Express, 25-1 others.

5.05 TOTEPOOL A BETTER WAY TO BET STANDARD OPEN NH FLAT RACE (CLASS 6). £2,500 added 4 to 6YO 2m 1f Penalty Value £1,711.

01 F-230 BILLY CUCKOO (IRE) (16) W Goldsworthy 5 11 0 J Moore
02 0- BUSBY BERKELEY (IRE) (170) M Keighley 5 11 0 R Thornton
03 5/ CELTIC GEORGE (749) T Vaughan 6 11 0 R Johnson
04 U4 DARIUS KHAN (IRE) (68) K Tork 4 10 13 Mr M Hampton (7)
05 4 HOLD THE FORT (IRE) (31) Mrs A Thorpe 4 10 13 D Jacob
06 2 JOHNS SPIRIT (IRE) (93) Jonjo O'Neill 4 10 13 A P McCoy
07 ROMEO AMERICO (IRE) J W Mullins 4 10 13 J Derham (3)
08 SHOOTEMUP R Hodges 4 10 13 Mr P Prince (7)
09 0 WEST END (IRE) (35) J G Cann 4 10 13 T J O'Brien
10 ZAGREB EXPRESS W J Greatrex 4 10 13 J Murphy
11 KINGS HEROINE (IRE) J W Mullins 5 10 7 Mr Kevin Jones (7)
12 LITTLE WADHAM W J Reed 6 10 7 O Dayman (5)
13 20 MAGIC IN MOTION (35) (BF) N Mulholland 4 10 6 D Costello

BETTING: 2-1 Johns Spirit, 9-2 Zagreb Express, 6-1 Hold The Fort, 8-1 Celtic George, 10-1 Magic In Motion, 12-1 Billy Cuckoo, 14-1 Busby Berkeley, Romeo America, 20-1 others.

Mam looks the one

NEWTON Abbot host the pick of Sunday's action and the admirable Mamlook is taken to land another noteworthy success in the feature event.

The Listed Lord Mildmay Memorial Handicap Chase represents a minor step down the scale for David Pipe's runner after rounding out last term with a fair fourth in Grade Three company at Aintree.

Mamlook was running on empty a bit that day but had previously scored a couple of nice novice wins at Sandown and

Fakenham over fences, accounting for a well-fancied favourite on the latter occasion.

His form over hurdles was also pretty smart with a Grade Two win at Ascot back in 2010 a particular highlight.

Admittedly his latest start back on the level in the Chester Cup in May would hardly inspire much confidence as he finished a distant 15th in a race he had won the year before.

However, Mamlook was always struggling after a slow start and it may well be that he excels over obstacles now.

Returned to fences and racing off a 6lb lower mark than at Aintree, Mamlook can return to his best in this event.

FOLKESTONE Sunday's runners

Going: Good to Firm-Good in places

2.10 DISTANTVISION.CO.UK MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS 6). £3,000 added 2YO only 5f Penalty Value £2,045.

1 33066 LORD ALI MCJONES (54) (BF) T Dascombe 9 3 R Kingscote 4
2 205444 TRIGGERLO (46) (BF) M Channon 9 3 C Bishop (7) 1
3 030 PICURA (25) W Muir 8 12 M Dwyer 5
4 00062 STANS DEELYTE (23) Mrs L Williamson 8 12 A Kirby 3
5 2 VERUS DELICIA (IRE) (5) P Morris 8 12 K O'Neill (3) 2

BETTING: 11-10 Verus Delicia, 9-4 Lord Ali McJones, 15-2 Triggerlo, 8-1 Picura, 10-1 Stans Deelyte.

2.40 LAUREN GORDON APPRENTICE HANDICAP (STR) (CLASS 6). £3,000 added 3YO PLUS 7f Penalty Value £2,045.

1 601405 SCHOOLBOY CHAMP (5) (D) P Morris 4 9 10 K O'Neill 8
2 046040 DIDDUMS (8) A Lidderdale 5 9 8 Katia Scallan (7) 7
3 152455 JONNIE SKULL (IRE) (8) (D) P McEntee 5 9 8 A Beschizza 6
4 424433 CROWN RIDGE (IRE) (D) M Channon 3 9 5 C Bishop (5) 1
5 033410 OLNEY LASS (25) (D) Mrs L Pearce 4 9 1 Sophie Silvester (5) 4
6 660650 DUPLICITY (106) R C Guest 4 9 1 Martin Harley 3
7 60-000 BOLD ARGUMENT (IRE) (10) Mrs P Duffield 8 8 11 Sophie Doyle 5
8 70-500 LAMBRINI LACE (IRE) (30) Mrs L Williamson 8 8 10 Natasha Eaton (5) 2

BETTING: 2-1 Schoolboy Champ, 3-1 Jonnie Skull, 7-2 Crown Ridge, 5-1 Olney Lass, 12-1 Diddums, 16-1 Duplicity, 33-1 Bold Argument, Lambrini Lace.

3.10 TOTEPLACEPOT/BRITISH STALLION STUDS E.B.F. MAIDEN FILLIES' STAKES (STR) (CLASS 5). £5,500 added 2YO only 7f Penalty Value £3,558.

1 5 ASHBINA (24) W Haggas 9 0 L Jones 7
2 00 BETTER BE MINE (IRE) (31) J Dunlop 9 0 A Kirby 3
3 4 CANNING VALE (19) Miss J Feilden 9 0 A Beschizza (3) 10
4 DAWN GLORY R Charlton 9 0 S Drowne 2
5 ECHO OF THUNDER (IRE) D Langan 9 0 L Keniry 12
6 HIGH ENDEAVOUR (IRE) R Mills 9 0 S Levey (3) 13
7 00 JOYFUL SPIRIT (IRE) (22) J Dunlop 9 0 J Mongan 1
8 LIVIA'S DREAM (IRE) (22) Ed Walker 9 0 J-P Guillembert 5
9 PRETTY PEBBLE (IRE) B Meehan 9 0 M Dwyer 6
10 SURVEYOR (IRE) R Teal 9 0 S Sanders 11
11 0 TAMIMA (USA) (37) B Meehan 9 0 T O'Shea 8
12 06 VIOLA DA GAMBIA (IRE) (24) W Knight 9 0 S W Kelly 9
13 WILD SILK Sir M Stoute 9 0 R Mullen 4
14 2 ZIEFHD (8) P Cole 9 0 C Catlin 14

BETTING: 11-4 Ziefhd, 9-2 Livia's Dream, 5-1 Wild Silk, 6-1 Viola da Gamba, 10-1 Dawn Glory, 12-1 Pretty Pebble, 14-1 High Endeavour, Ashbina, 16-1 others.

3.40 TOTEEXACTA SELLING STAKES (STR) (CLASS 6). £2,800 added 3YO PLUS 7f Penalty Value £1,909.

1 010412 DEERSLAYER (USA) (9) R C Guest 5 9 10 Martin Harley (3) 6
2 326166 FAULT (11) (CD) Stef Higgins 5 9 10 S Sanders 1
3 164601 KIPCHAK (IRE) (17) (CD) C Dore 6 9 10 Hayley Turner 2
4 000-36 BENNELONG (107) R Rowe 5 9 5 P Doe 5
5 043010 LUTINE CHARLIE (IRE) (13) R Harris 4 9 5 A Kirby 3
6 000046 PAPERETTO (6) R Mills 3 9 0 S Levey (3) 4
7 SHANNONS BROOK B Johnson 3 8 9 A Romeo (7) 7

BETTING: 2-1 Deerslayer, 7-2 Kipchak, 4-1 Fault, 6-1 Paperetto, 7-1 Lutine Charlie, 12-1 Bennelong, 20-1 Shannons Brook.

4.10 TOTETRIFECTA HANDICAP (CLASS 5). £4,500 added 3YO PLUS 6f Penalty Value £3,068.

1 -60206 RUM KING (USA) (5) (D) S Donohoe (IRE) 4 9 10 S Levey (3) 4
2 221611 EFISTORM (20) (CD) C Dore 10 9 8 Hayley Turner 6
3 030001 SERMONS MOUNT (USA) (10) (D) P Hedger 5 9 5 L Keniry 2
4 022225 GRANDMAS DREAM (9) R C Guest 3 9 4 R L-Butler (3) 3
5 155035 MOTTLEY CREWE (27) (D) R C Guest 4 8 12 Martin Harley (3) 5
6 -13000 DREAM NUMBER (IRE) (48) (CD) W Muir 4 10 10 M Dwyer 1

BETTING: 7-4 Efistorm, 7-2 Rum King, 4-1 Sermons Mount, 6-1 Grandmas Dream, 7-1 Mottley Crewe, 14-1 Dream Number.

4.45 HP TECHNOLOGY HANDICAP (CLASS 6). £3,000 added 3YO only 1m 4f Penalty Value £2,045.

1 -43052 LADY BARASTAR (IRE) (18) W R Swinburn 9 4 A Kirby 4
2 003122 COME ON THE IRONS (USA) (4) (BF) R J Smith 9 3 J Goldstein 5
3 4403 HYGROVE WELSHLADY (IRE) (18) J Hills 9 3 M Dwyer 1
4 551304 ENTRANCE (21) (BF) Miss J Feilden 9 2 A Beschizza (3) 2
5 00330 PIZZETTI (IRE) (83) (BF) Sir M Prescott 9 0 S Sanders 3

BETTING: 7-4 Come On The Irons, 5-2 Pizzetti, 9-2 Lady Barastar, 5-1 Entrance, 8-1 Hygrove Welshlady.

5.15 BRITISH STALLION STUDS SUPPORTING BRITISH RACING E.B.F. FILLIES' HANDICAP (CLASS 4). £7,500 added 3YO PLUS 1m 2f Penalty Value £4,852.

1 42-112 CAPTIVATOR (58) (D) J Fanshawe 4 10 0 Hayley Turner 4
2 61-305 LOVE OVER GOLD (FR) (10) R Beckett 4 9 9 M Lane 2
3 -30610 GOLDTREK (USA) (10) R Charlton 4 9 7 S Drowne 1
4 60-60 BILDN (50) C Brittain 3 9 3 P Robinson 5
5 122414 SACRED SHIELD (17) (D) Sir H Cecil 3 9 0 J Mongan 3
6 3-1521 MEDAILLE D'OR (31) (CD) R Varian 3 8 11 J Mitchell 6

BETTING: 2-1 Medaille D'or, 7-2 Captivator, 4-1 Sacred Shield, 6-1 Bilidn, 8-1 Goldtrek, Love Over Gold.



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Hampshire Cricket Spotlight



HAMPSHIRE'S HIGHEST 60-OVER SCORE

Hampshire v Glamorgan, July 16 1975
Gillette Cup 2nd Round

Hampshire	
BA Richards b Ellis	129
CG Greenidge c Hopkins b Nash	177
DR Turner lbw b Davis	19
TE Jesty b Nash	12
*RMC Gilliat not out	5
AME Roberts not out	14
Extras	15
Total: (4 wickets, 60 overs)	371
FoW: 1-210, 2-84, 3-352, 4-353.	
Bowling: Nash 12-1-84-2, Cordle 12-0-81-0, Solanky 12-1-57-0, Ellis 12-1-63-1, Armstrong 6-0-38-0, Davis 6-0-33-1.	

Glamorgan	
A Jones lbw b Roberts	4
AL Jones lbw b Roberts	11
RC Davis st Stephenson b Sainsbury	25
*Majid Khan c and b Sainsbury	29
JA Hopkins hit wkt b Sainsbury	12
GP Ellis c Stephenson b Jesty	25
JW Solanky c Richards b Roberts	51
+EW Jones c Stephenson b Rice	0
MA Nash b Rice	0
EA Cordle c Richards b Herman	8
GD Armstrong not out	19
Extras	23
Total: (all out, 50.1 overs)	207
FoW: 1-19, 2-32, 3-78, 4-83, 5-98, 6-138, 7-142, 8-144, 9-163, 10-207.	
Bowling: Roberts 8.1-1-17-3, Herman 10-1-45-1, Rice 10-1-32-2, Jesty 12-2-37-1, Sainsbury 10-1-53-5.	

Hampshire won by 164 runs

HIGHEST 55-OVER SCORE

Gloucestershire v Hampshire, April 27 1974
Benson and Hedges Cup West Group
Ashley Down Ground, Bristol

Hampshire	
BA Richards c Mortimore b Knight	129
CG Greenidge retired hurt	48
DR Turner c Swetman b Knight	1
*RMC Gilliat b Davey	81
TE Jesty c Swetman b Procter	18
RV Lewis not out	15
PJ Sainsbury not out	10
Extras	9
Total: (4 wickets, 55 overs)	311
FoW: 1-165, 2-186, 3-244, 4-294.	
Bowling: Procter 11-1-59-1, Davey 11-0-65-1, Brown 11-1-41-0, Knight 11-0-68-2, Mortimore 9-0-57-0, Graveney 1-0-9-0, Sadiq Mohammad 1-0-3-0.	

Gloucestershire	
Sadiq Mohammad c Richards b Sainsbury	65
CA Milton run out	41
MJ Procter lbw b Sainsbury	26
RDV Knight lbw b Taylor	27
Zaheer Abbas b Taylor	1
DR Shepherd c Lewis b Herman	81
*AS Brown b Jesty	16
DA Graveney b Herman	5
+R Swetman run out	3
JB Mortimore not out	0
J Davey b Roberts	0
Extras	17
Total: (all out, 50.5 overs)	282
FoW: 1-113, 2-113, 3-152, 4-159, 5-183, 6-234, 7-259, 8-280, 9-282, 10-282.	
Bowling: Roberts 8.5-0-30-1, Herman 11-0-55-2, Sainsbury 11-0-46-2, Taylor 9-0-58-2, Jesty 11-0-76-1.	

Hampshire won by 29 runs

HIGHEST 50-OVER SCORE

Surrey v Hampshire, July 15 2005
Cheltenham and Gloucester Trophy QF
The Brit Oval

Surrey	
JGE Benning st Pothas b Udal	73
+JN Batty not out	158
AD Brown c Latouf b Tremlett	12
GP Thorpe b Udal	60
R Clarke b Ervine	17
Azhar Mahmood c Pothas b Tremlett	4
TJ Murtagh c Crawley b Ervine	3
*MR Ramprakash not out	5
Extras	26
Total: (6 wickets, 50 overs)	358
FoW: 1-142, 2-159, 3-274, 4-321, 5-328, 6-349.	
Bowling: Tremlett 10-0-68-2, Taylor 7-0-68-0, Ervine 7-0-47-2, Mascarenhas 8-0-50-0, Udal 10-0-62-2, Lamb 6-0-41-0, McMillan 2-0-20-0.	

Hampshire	
GA Lamb c Batty b Azhar Mahmood	0
+N Pothas c M Akram b Murtagh	27
JP Crawley c Thorpe b M Akram	45
SR Watson b Murtagh	132
CD McMillan run out	42
SM Ervine c Doshi b Benning	16
KJ Latouf c Batty b M Akram	25

Record totals

BARRY Richards and Gordon Greenidge shared big opening stands in Hampshire's highest limited-overs scores during the 1970s.

Hampshire's legendary opening partnership helped the county hit their highest ever one-day score in a Gillette Cup tie at Northlands Road in 1975.

They put on 210, with both Richards (129) and Greenidge (177) hitting centuries as Hampshire made a record 371-4 in 60 overs.

Hampshire have never surpassed that total in limited-overs cricket.

But Sussex have only last Sunday they scored a record 40-over total of 399-4 against Worcestershire at Horsham.

There were centuries for opening pair Ed Joyce (120) and Joe Gattling (122) while Lou Vincent blazed 71 off 43 balls.

Richards and Greenidge, meanwhile, also put on 165 when Hampshire made their highest 55-over score (311-4) in the Benson and Hedges Cup a year earlier, with Richards hitting 129 in that match against Gloucestershire at Bristol.

Hampshire's highest scores in 50-over and 45-over games were both made in 2005.

Shane Watson's outstanding 132 helped Hampshire chase down 359 to beat Surrey in an unforgettable C & G Trophy quarter-final at The Oval on the way to winning the competition.

They believed they could reach that target knowing they had made 353-8 in a 45-over game against Middlesex at Lord's two months earlier, when Simon Katich, Kevin Pietersen and Dimi Masacrenhas all scored fifties.

Hampshire's highest score in 40-over competition was also made away from the Rose Bowl, with Jimmy Adams and Michael Carberry both hitting centuries in a total of 341-6 against Warwickshire at Edgbaston.

The highest total in a one-day game anywhere in the world remains Surrey's 496-4 against Gloucestershire at The Oval in a 50-overs Friends Provident Trophy tie in 2007.

James Benning (152 off 134 balls) and Alistair Brown (176 off 97 balls) produced an opening stand of 294 before Rikki Clarke blazed 82 off 26 deliveries with nine fours and six sixes.

Five years earlier, in a C & G Trophy tie at The Oval, Surrey had set a new English county one-day record by hammering 438-5 against Glamorgan in another 50-over contest.

Brown struck 268 off 160 balls with 30 fours and 12 sixes – the highest individual innings in one day cricket history, beating Graeme Pollock's unbeaten 222 for Border against Eastern Province in 1974.

Despite their huge score, though, Surrey only won by nine runs as Glamorgan replied with 429 all out!



BARRY RICHARDS



GORDON GREENIDGE

Twitter ye not ...

HAMPSHIRE'S cricketers have been tweeting their views on a variety of subjects these past few days.

Danny Briggs was asking about the Inbetweeners film while Benny Howell is unlikely to be going back to Aberdeen any time soon!

@daws128 (Liam Dawson)

Don't miss out on your chance to get your finals day tickets... We need as many royals fans there as possible!!

Flight to Southampton early I'n the morning! Better than a 6 hour coach journey!

@slug_7 (Sean Ervine)

In Birmingham for the week, important game V the bears. I wonder what pitch we're gonna play on????? #bothteamsneed-aresult

Aberdeen it's been a pleasure, except for the rain!

Good to catch up with the 'King' @warne888.

True champion! Always enjoy taking the money esp from Dim! #sunningdale

@CWwoody27 (Chris Wood)

so what are people's thoughts on inbetweeners?!

Southampton to Durham, Durham to Aberdeen, Aberdeen to Glasgow, Glasgow to Southampton! 20hours on a coach, brilliant few days, he says!

@DannyBriggs19 (Danny Briggs)

Has anyone seen the Inbetweeners film this evening?? Worth a watch??

Having a little bowl today, see how the shoulder feels. #cantrememberhowtobowl

@carbs646 (Michael Carberry)

Well done Hampshire we are off and running finally. Great win, great fighting performance

@BennyHowell13 (Benny Howell)

On a serious note... Thoughts on Aberdeen as a place?? Im not too sure! #grim

#depressing Although the people are friendly

In Aberdeen studying the football pages this morning whilst finalising my fantasy football team! #dedication #commitment



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Hampshire Cricket Spotlight

Cricket Stats

Clydesdale Bank 40 2011 Hampshire batting

	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave
JHK Adams	9	2	201	50*	28.71
AM Bates	5	2	33	24*	11.00
DR Briggs	5	1	30	16	7.50
MA Carberry	3	0	25	22	8.33
DG Cork	6	1	27	10	5.40
LA Dawson	9	1	261	70	32.62
SM Ervine	10	2	273	136	34.12
DA Griffiths	1	0	7	7	7.00
BAC Howell	7	1	338	122	56.33
Imran Tahir	1	0	3	3	3.00
SP Jones	3	3	1	1*	
ND McKenzie	6	2	244	87*	61.00
AD Mascarenhas	5	0	64	26	12.80
JG Myburgh	3	0	81	64	27.00
N Pothas	1	0	15	15	15.00
H Riazuddin	1	0	22	22	22.00
JM Vince	11	0	342	82	31.09
CP Wood	5	1	44	14*	11.00

Hampshire bowling

	Runs	Wkts	BB	Ave
CP Wood	325	14	3-34	23.21
AD Mascarenhas	275	9	3-24	30.55
SP Jones	205	8	4-52	25.62
DR Briggs	283	8	3-30	35.37
SM Ervine	277	6	2-23	46.16
Imran Tahir	131	5	2-45	26.20
DA Griffiths	57	4	3-36	14.25
H Riazuddin	55	2	2-29	27.50
DG Cork	195	2	1-49	97.50
LA Dawson	134	1	1-32	134.00
MA Carberry	17	0		
JG Myburgh	19	0		
BAC Howell	40	0		



MOST WICKETS: Chris Wood

Most runs

	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave
GP Rees (Gm)	10	2	490	110*	61.25
M v Jaarsveld (Kent)	10	0	489	124	48.90
CD Nash (Sx)	7	2	485	124*	97.00
APR Gidman (Gs)	10	1	451	106*	50.11
V Chopra (Wk)	11	0	448	115	40.72
WJ Durston (Dy)	10	0	448	95	44.80
EC Joyce (Sx)	9	2	441	120	63.00
JJ Cobb (Le)	9	1	434	91*	54.25
WTS Porterfield (Wk)	11	0	414	95	37.63
DJ Malan (Mx)	10	0	410	107	41.00
JJ Roy (Sy)	9	0	407	101	45.22
GJ Muchall (Dur)	8	3	405	95*	81.00
NJ O'Brien (Nr)	8	1	393	121	56.14
JWA Taylor (Le)	7	1	387	101	64.50
PR Stirling (Mx)	10	1	380	68	42.22
SJ Croft (La)	10	1	377	107	41.88
PL Mommsen (Sco)	10	4	377	81*	62.83
DI Stevens (Kent)	10	1	375	70	41.66
WL Madsen (Dy)	10	1	364	75	40.44
JM Vince (Ham)	11	0	342	82	31.09

Most wickets

	Runs	Wkts	BB	Ave
SM Mott (Neth)	335	21	4-29	15.95
ME Claydon (Dur)	306	18	3-16	17.00
AU Rashid (Yor)	363	18	3-30	20.16
PR Franks (Nt)	256	17	5-43	15.05
RS Bopara (Es)	303	17	3-27	17.82
Yasir Arafat (Sy)	360	17	5-45	21.17
Azhar Mahmood (Kent)	365	17	4-52	21.47
TJ Phillips (Es)	303	16	5-28	18.93
AJ Hall (Nr)	398	16	5-22	24.87
JW Dembach (Sy)	287	15	4-33	19.13
Mudassar Bukhari (Neth)	351	15	3-26	23.40
CP Wood (Ham)	325	14	3-34	23.21
L Gregory (Sm)	176	13	4-27	13.53
WT Owen (Gm)	184	13	4-31	14.15
CJ Liddle (Sx)	206	13	5-18	15.84
MH Yardy (Sx)	269	13	4-10	20.69
Naved-ul-Hasan (Sx)	297	13	3-21	22.84
PW Borren (Neth)	294	12	3-29	24.50
DJ Willey (Nr)	347	12	3-49	28.91
PS Jones (Dy)	233	11	3-38	21.18

All stats up to and including Wed, August 17

Michael's off the mark

IMPROVING HIS BATTING: Michael Bates.



HAPPY TO GET THE BALL ROLLING: Michael Bates.

MICHAEL Bates admitted that his batting has undergone "a massive improvement" after scoring his maiden first-class fifty in the dramatic win against LV County Championship leaders Durham last week.

The 20-year-old has been a regular for Hampshire in all formats in recent weeks in the absence of Nic Pothas, who has been recovering from appendicitis, writes **SIMON WALTER**.

Having been given a regular chance at number seven, Bates has produced several gutsy performances in the Championship in the last month.

His unbeaten 58 at Chester-le-Street last Saturday helped Hampshire gain a crucial win against Durham that keeps alive their slim hopes of first division survival.

It also came at a time when Hampshire were in talks with former England wicketkeeper James Foster over a possible move to the Rose Bowl.

But Bates shrugged off that speculation in admirable fashion and has now scored 145 runs at 36.2 in the Championship this season.

He said: "I feel like my batting has improved a lot. I'm steadily getting there runs wise and I've had a few starts recently.

"So it was nice to build on that further, get off the mark with my first fifty and be not out at the end as well.

"Hopefully this is the start of something good. I definitely feel like I'm turning a corner.

"Having time at the crease and getting more experience at this level has definitely helped.

"I've also been working quite closely with senior members like Carbs (Michael Carberry) and Macca (Neil McKenzie), who have helped me a lot. I think we're getting there."

Massive improvement

Bates' wicketkeeping has impressed seasoned observers since he first came into the side in last season's Friends Provident t20, and has continued to be of the highest quality.

With some concern over whether he can develop into a batsman anywhere near Nic Pothas's calibre, he has worked very hard on his weakest suit.

"My keeping has taken a back seat with batting at the forefront of what I'm doing," he revealed.

"I'm very happy with my keeping, t20 stuff is going well and in the Championship it's been steady so I'm happy.

"The massive improvement is in my batting. I keep working on both skills but it's my batting I'm really concentrating on at the moment."

Bates batted for nearly three hours for his unbeaten 58 at Chester-le-Street, scoring nine fours and facing 140 balls before Hampshire declared at 275-7, having agreed a target of 276 in 82 overs.

He then took three catches as Durham were bowled out for 225 in 63.2.

"Every game is very important hereonin, so we were very happy to get a win and get the ball rolling," he continued.

Hampshire's latest match against Warwickshire at Edgbaston was due to finish this weekend with fellow strugglers Worcestershire at The Rose Bowl for a must-win encounter next week.

Bates said: "Losing is a very hard habit to get out of but hopefully we're in the habit of winning now we've figured out how to do it!

"It's boosted morale massively.

"The changing room is a brilliant place to be anyway, helped by doing well in the t20, but to get the first Championship win is brilliant for the team.

"There's obviously a massive amount still to do but we can only take each game as it comes.

"Who knows what will happen elsewhere."

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Hampshire Cricket Spotlight



DIMI Mascarenhas produced his best all-round performance since suffering his Achilles injury in the dramatic win against Durham.

Having scored a 66-ball 50, Mascarenhas, left, returned figures of 6-62 – his best for seven years – as Hampshire beat the LV County Championship leaders by 50 runs.

It was Hampshire's first Championship win since retaining their first division

'Enjoyable' win for Dimi

status by beating Kent at Canterbury in the penultimate game of last season.

Mascarenhas said: "It's been a long time coming. After two days of rain it was good of Durham to set up a game.

"We wanted them to chase a bit more [than 276 in 82 overs] and they wanted a bit less but

we met somewhere in the middle. It was a good target. If one of their top order had got in it would have been tight but luckily it went our way.

"We got early wickets and kept the pressure on. We needed something after tea and thankfully Kabir Ali got one to set us on our way.

"It was a decent wicket for me to bowl on in particular as it had a bit of seam movement.

"But it was a good performance from everyone with the bat and the ball to beat the top team. It was very enjoyable.

"I was out there for 60-odd overs which I haven't done for a while."

TRESCO'S NOT AFTER REVENGE



FLASHBACK: Hampshire celebrate winning last year's t20 silverware

MARCUS Trescothick insists revenge will not be a motivating force in next week's Friends Life t20 semi-final against Hampshire.

The Somerset captain is determined to lead his county to a final against either Leicestershire or Lancashire on Saturday.

But to do so Somerset will have to overcome the Royals in the biggest game between the counties since last year's final, when Trescothick's men failed to run out Australian Dan Christian, who sprinted the

Simon Walter

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winning leg bye despite being on the field as a runner for the injured Jimmy Adams.

Trescothick said: "I can honestly say I won't be using revenge as a means of motivation for the semi-final.

"I went through the mill after last year's final, but I feel that dwelling on it is a pretty negative way to go forward.

"I can't speak for my teammates

and if they see it as a means of gaining extra inspiration for the clash with Hampshire then fine.

"But I shall be treating the game like any other and looking to be coldly professional in my approach.

"That means examining the strengths and weakness of their current team and going into the match with a cool head, ready to take the on-the-spot decisions needed of an opening batsman and a skipper."

The winners of Finals Day's second semi-final (2.30pm start) will also get the chance to go to Hyderabad next month for the Champions League T20 qualifiers.

Conditions in the subcontinent

would be sure to suit Hampshire's spinners, and Trescothick reckons they will also favour the twirlers in Birmingham.

The former England star – 5,825 runs in 76 Tests between 2000 and 2006 – said: "Edgbaston pitches tend to offer a bit of spin and leg-break bowlers like Shahid Afridi and Imran Tahir can usually turn the ball on any surface.

"Hampshire have to command huge respect.

"They are stronger than last year and I honestly believe any of the four semi-finalists are good enough to go on to lift the trophy."

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On top of the World ...

The 13th edition of the World Championships gets under way in Daegu next weekend when Britain's athletes will pit themselves against the best on the planet.

Here, the Sports Pink looks at some of the unforgettable moments from past competitions ...

BRILLIANT BOLT: Usain Bolt had a lot to live up to in 2009 after winning three golds in the Beijing Olympics. The Jamaican stormed to victory in the 100m with a world record of 9.58 seconds, added another gold and world record of 19.19secs in the 200m, and then added a 4x100m relay gold for good measure.

ECSTATIC ENNIS: Jessica Ennis saw her lap of honour halted three-quarters of the way around the track due to the start of the 100m final won by Bolt, but the Sheffield athlete had no complaints after leading from start to finish to win the heptathlon title just over a year after suffering a potentially career-threatening injury.

EDWARDS SHINES IN SWEDEN: Jonathan Edwards began the 1995 championships in Gothenburg with a bang, setting a new world record of 18.16m with his first jump. But rather than ease up, he surpassed that feat with his very next effort, leaping 18.29m, a record which still stands today.

REDEMPTION FOR JACKSON: Colin Jackson was favourite for gold at the 1992 Olympics, but was seventh after being hampered by injury. The following summer in Stuttgart, though, the Welshman burst out of the blocks and roared to glory in a new world record time of 12.91 seconds.



POWELL LEAPS INTO THE RECORD BOOKS: Mike Powell went into the long jump final in Tokyo in 1991 having never beaten great rival Carl Lewis, who had a 10-year winning streak in the event. Lewis produced a wind-assisted jump of 8.91m, but Powell responded by leaping 8.95m to break Bob Beamon's 23-year-old world record.

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LEWIS WINS GREATEST EVER 100m: Carl Lewis claimed the 100m world title in Tokyo in 1991 in a new world record of 9.86s as six men went under 10s. Leroy Burrell was second in 9.88s and Dennis Mitchell third in 9.91, both personal bests, while Linford Christie's European record of 9.92s was only good enough for fourth.

JOHNSON'S PERFECT LAP: As reigning Olympic and world champion, Michael Johnson went into the 400m final in Seville in 1999 a red-hot favourite. The American set a new world record of 43.18s with a breathtaking lap.

RELAY GLORY: The United States were favourites as usual for the 4x400m, with Britain's quartet including 200m specialist John Regis and 400m hurdler Kriss Akabusi. But after great work by Roger Black, Derek Redmond and Regis, Akabusi overhauled individual 400m champion Antonio Pettigrew on the final leg to snatch victory on the line.

LILLAK SPARKS HOME CELEBRATION: The first World Championships were held in Helsinki in 1983, where a dramatic finish to the javelin brought the hosts their only gold. Trailing Brit Fatima Whitbread going into the final round, Tiina Lillak threw 70.82m to snatch victory.

DAILY ECHO AND PINK - ALWAYS BEST FOR HAMPSHIRE CRICKET

Hampshire Cricket Spotlight

Cricket Stats

THREE English players are now in the top 10 of the ICC's official Test batting rankings.

Alastair Cook's 294 at Edgbaston catapulted him up to third place, with Warwickshire pair Jonathan Trott and Ian Bell also in the top 10.

Ex-Hampshire batsman Kevin Pietersen is 13th, but skipper Andrew Strauss is down at number 34 – only 10 places above seam bowler Stuart Broad.

Reliance ICC Test Championship Batting

1 JH Kallis	.883 pts
2 KC Sangakkara	.838
3 AN Cook	.836
4 SR Tendulkar	.808
5 IJL Trott	.784
6 S Chanderpaul	.775
7 IR Bell	.767
8 TT Samaraweera	.766
9 AB de Villiers	.760
10 HM Amla	.744
11 MEK Hussey	.742
12 VVS Laxman	.736
13 KP Pietersen	.733
14 R Dravid	.725
15 SR Watson	.724
16 GC Smith	.723
17 V Sehwag	.713
18 Younus Khan	.711
19 DPMD Jayawardena	.707
20 RL Taylor	.691

OTHER ENGLAND PLAYERS

25 MJ Prior	.674
34 AJ Strauss	.607
44 SCJ Broad	.506
52 EJG Morgan	.466
65 TT Bresnan	.383
78 GP Swann	.338
95 RS Bopara	.282

ENGLAND seamer Jimmy Anderson is kept off the top of the ICC Test bowling charts by South African Dale Steyn.

Former Hampshire star Chris Tremlett, who is currently out injured, is ninth after his sensational return to the Test scene last winter.

Reliance ICC Test Championship Bowling

1 DW Steyn	.899
2 JM Anderson	.803
3 M Morkel	.751
4 MG Johnson	.727
5 SCJ Broad	.726
6 GP Swann	.726
7 Zaheer Khan	.720
8 Shakib Al Hasan	.652
9 CT Tremlett	.625
10 DL Vettori	.623
11 L Sharma	.622
12 Harbhajan Singh	.607
13 DE Bollinger	.597
14 PM Siddle	.596
15 CS Martin	.589
16 TT Bresnan	.583
17 PL Harris	.578
17 FH Edwards	.573
19 ST Finn	.552
20 Umar Gul	.550

OTHER ENGLAND PLAYERS

47 G Onions	.314
69 JC Tredwell	.167
80 A Shahzad	.124

It's a different

WATCHING England's recent Test win against India at Edgbaston on television was truly a surreal moment for everyone who loves the noble art of cricket.

The series billed as a mouthwatering clash of two well-match sides – one aiming to become the No 1 ranked Test side in the world at the other one's expense – had descended into near farce.

Such was England's total superiority that on the third day, as Alistair Cook moved towards a triple century he was to fall six short of, you almost had to feel sorry for the tourists.

Almost, but not quite. For those of us who grew up watching some of the horrors of England's attempts to win Test matches in the 1980s – and the regular thrashings dished out by Shane Warne and his cocky mates which followed – this was great payback time.

Here's a phenomenal statistic for you.

In the whole of the 1980s England were scheduled to play 105 Test matches and won a grand total of 20 of them.

Ok, they were supposed to play 105 but only ended up playing 104 as the Guyana Test on the tour of the West Indies in early 1981 was cancelled.

That came about when the Guyanese government revoked England bowler Robin Jackman's visa due to his links with then apartheid-riddled South Africa.

Anyway, 20 wins from 104 was pretty bad.

Since the start of 2009, England have played just 35 Tests but won 19 of them.

Were they to complete a truly startling 4-0 whitewash of India in the final Test at The Oval this week, then they would equal the entire 1980s victory haul in just 32 months.

England had some great players in the 1980s – Botham, Gower, Lamb – but a miserable time in Test cricket.

From the end of December 1986, when Mike Gatting's men retained the Ashes in Australia, to December 1989 they won just ONE Test match.

One Test win in three years!

And that against Sri Lanka, the newest and weakest Test-playing nation of the decade.

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A revolving door policy of selecting and dropping players unsurprisingly produced some grim results, catapulting England into the category marked 'joke'.

Granted, the West Indies – against whom we played 23 Tests in the 1980s and failed to win any of them, losing 17 (seventeen!) – were one of the most feared sides in history.

But you always got the impression, even with the benefit of hindsight, that a seemingly steadfast refusal to promote continuity and team spirit was not

made his England Test debut in July 2005 to the end of the 2010 domestic season.

Still, with England now the undisputed kings of Test match cricket – a sentence I never thought I'd write, and I must say writing it feels pretty good! – it is almost impossible to criticise the central contracts system.

All cricket fans should want a strong England team, and now we have one.

Our top players have sufficient rest time, even though the calendar is busier now than ever with three different formats jostling for attention, and then you've got the Indian Premier League on top of that.

Our top players have sufficient practice time, compared to the 1980s – and before that – when the team racked up at any given ground a day or two prior to the Test after playing for their counties.

Demolition

Though Twenty20 has continued to grow and grow since its introduction in 2003, it is still reassuring to know that Test cricket remains the undoubted star of the international cricketing scene.

In fact, some of the greatest Test matches I can remember have come in the last few years – the thrilling 2005 Ashes series (the only rival to Botham's 1981 Ashes heroics), the 2009 Ashes series, last winter's incredible demolition of the Aussies on their home turf and now this year's India successes.

No kid grows up remembering the great one day games. I didn't – I remember Botham's Ashes, the flashing blades of Greenidge and Richards and their fearsome fast bowling mates like Malcolm Marshall and Joel Garner, and Devon Malcolm taking nine South African wickets.

When it gets it right, Test cricket is now as exciting as it has ever been – pure sporting theatre and almost impossible to take your eye off it.

And for English fans, it's arguably more exciting than ever.

For we are at the summit, where we have never been in my lifetime before, looking down on everyone else.



FLASHBACK: Ian Botham, Headingley 1981. But most of the 1980s was miserable for English cricket ...

helping matters.

England's rise to No 1 in the World Test rankings started with the ECB introducing central contracts back a decade ago.

Controversial at the time, the main aim was to ensure England's leading players did not suffer burn-out from playing too many games for the counties.

In time, the central contracts have virtually come to mean that some players will hardly play any county cricket.

For example, Kevin Pietersen only appeared in one Hampshire Championship game from the time he

T20 FINALS DAY COUNTDOWN ALL NEXT WEEK IN THE DAILY ECHO

Hampshire Cricket Spotlight

Cricket Stats

JONATHAN Trott is the highest ranked England player in the ICC's official one day international batting lists at No 7.

One-time Rose Bowl all-rounder Shane Watson is third, with Kevin Pietersen down at number 45.

Reliance ICC ODI Championship Batting

1 HM Amla	.867
2 AB de Villiers	.804
3 SR Watson	.758
4 KC Sangakkara	.757
5 MEK Hussey	.748
6 V Kohli	.738
7 JLT Trott	.737
8 MS Dhoni	.711
9 MJ Clarke	.706
9 TM Dilshan	.706
11 SR Tendulkar	.694
12 G Gambhir	.686
13 V Sehwag	.685
13 JH Kallis	.685
15 RT Ponting	.671
16 RN ten Doeschate	.659
17 RL Taylor	.656
17 Umar Akmal	.656
19 Yuvraj Singh	.649
20 GC Smith	.648

OTHER ENGLAND PLAYERS

23 EJG Morgan	.641
34 PD Collingwood	.589
45 KP Pietersen	.549
48 AN Cook	.542
56 IR Bell	.526
69 OA Shah	.486
79 RS Bopara	.569
95 C Kieswetter	.437
98 LJ Wright	.428

GRAEME Swann is officially the top one day international bowler, according to the ICC's rankings.

Shahid Afridi, who will be aiming to help Hampshire retain their t20 crown at Edgbaston last weekend, is 14th.

Abdul Razzaq, who was a member of Hampshire's t20-winning side in 2010, is three places higher than his former international colleague.

Reliance ICC ODI Championship Bowling

1 GP Swann	.707
2 DL Vettori	.701
3 RW Price	.678
4 Saeed Aimal	.673
5 DW Steyn	.663
6 M Morkel	.661
7 MG Johnson	.654
8 LL Tsotsobe	.652
9 Harbhajan Singh	.641
10 Abdul Razzaq	.636
11 JM Anderson	.632
12 BAW Mendis	.628
13 Shakib Al Hasan	.623
14 Shahid Afridi	.621
15 KD Mills	.618
16 B Lee	.611
16 Zaheer Khan	.611
18 DT Johnston	.610
19 TG Southee	.608
20 KMDN Kulasekara	.607

OTHER ENGLAND BOWLERS

21 SCJ Broad	.606
26 TT Bresnan	.592
60 PD Collingwood	.473

ball game now

It will not be all glamour for England as they try to protect their new-found world number one Test status.

Cricketers lapse often into the cliché of 'hard yards', and there will be none much tougher than England's two Test stop-offs early next year – against Pakistan in the Middle East and then away to Sri Lanka, *writes DAVID CLOUGH.*

Coach Andy Flower has already publicly noted that England lost the series when they most recently took on each of those two opponents away from home.

He will doubtless use that point as a motivational tool, to try to continue to get the best out of one of the most talented groups of players ever to have represented this country.

England do not dip their toes back into Test cricket, once the final instalment of their four-match power series at home to India is out of the way, until they travel to the United Arab Emirates to face Pakistan in the new year.

By then, in fact, they may already have been toppled from their perch at the top of the International Cricket Council rankings – through no fault of their own – if South Africa end the year in style.

Either way, England will be well briefed on their assignments this winter and beyond.

One man who already seems to be ahead of the game, though, is Graeme Swann.

England's off-spinner has struggled for wickets in conditions which have instead favoured seam and swing this summer – but he knows he, perhaps more than anyone, may hold the key in Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Colombo et al.

"I'm sure when we sit down and talk about it in a few weeks' time, it will be 'how do we stay at number one for as long as we can?'" said Swann, who may be officially the best spin bowler on the planet yet

Swann: How do we stay at No 1?

does not take either that accolade – or even his place in the England team – for granted. "I just look at the next few series and think 'How am I going to play a significant part and keep my job?'"

"I want to keep playing for England as long as I can – and I know that during the winter if I don't perform then people start snapping at my heels.

"I'm thinking about the Dubai games and then Sri Lanka, and how can I help us win in the sub-Continent and Middle East?"

"They're the sort of tours that we need to prove we can win, and win well, to stay number one."

Swann acknowledges this winter's schedule – following a home and then limited-overs series marathon of 10 one-day internationals and three Twenty20s against India – will provide a major examination of England's credentials to remain at the top of world cricket.

"I'm sure it will," he said.

"Abu Dhabi and Dubai and then Sri Lanka will be two huge series for us, because they're not the kind of places where people go and steamroller teams

and win handsomely. We have India the winter after as well, so that could be a real litmus test of where we are as a team."

As for his own comparative struggles this summer, Swann has become too wily to let such things get to him. "I don't find it difficult at all. You have to be fairly pragmatic going into a game.

"You are not always going to have conditions that suit you.

"If you accept that at the start of your career then it's a lot easier to handle. It would have bothered me when I was 21 or 22. But now I'm 32 I quite enjoy having a couple of weeks off every now and then, which is what I've had stood at second slip."

Conserving energy may be another wise move – because, wickets or not, Swann knows he is sure to be getting through a lot more overs when England head east for the winter.

TALISMAN: Alastair Cook has rewritten the record books in the last year as England have stormed to the top of the Test rankings list.

Local Cricket Spotlight



Dan set to pouch record

DAN Friedman, pictured above, will set a new Premier Division wicketkeeping record if he manages to snap up five victims in Bashley's final two matches of the season.

He went into today penultimate game at Alton with 26 dismissals. Another five will push him past Andy Perry's record of 30 victims for Havant in 2005.

Ironically, Friedman's understudy at Bashley – the seasoned Chris Gates – is top of the Division 3 charts, with 23 dismissals.

Leading performers:

PREMIER DIVISION

Batting: David Taylor (Alton) 701, Ben Walker (Havant) 626, Richard Morris (Bashley Rydal) 596, Pete Hopson (Havant) 582, Eddie Abel (South Wilts) 548, Simon Steel (Totton & Eling) 523, Darren Cowley (Lymington) 494, Tom Morton (South Wilts) 494, Benny Howell (Totton & Eling) 479, Jake George (Academy) 468, Rob Gibson (Academy) 462.

Bowling: Matt Metcalfe (Bournemouth) 35, Jamie Miller (Academy/Bashley Rydal) 31, Ben Walker (Havant) 27, Matt Ireson (Alton) 27, David Taylor (Alton) 26, Jordan Finney (St Cross Symondians) 26, Jez Ord (Havant) 25.

Wicketkeeping: Dan Friedman (Bashley Rydal) 26, Mark Heffernan (Alton) 20, Tom Morton (South Wilts) 20, Robert Lammiman (Lymington) 17, Jez Bulled (Havant) 17, Lewis McManus (Academy) 15.

DIVISION 2

Batting: Derek Kenway (Burridge) 646, Cole McConchie (Ventnor) 557, David Lloyd (Rowledge) 486, Ben Thane (Hook & NB) 485, Tristen McDonald (Rowledge) 471, Ian Hilsom (Ventnor) 440, James Moon (Portsmouth) 435, Adam Hose (Ventnor) 432.

Bowling: Dan Hewitt (Hambledon) 27, Scott Dawes (Paultons) 23, James Scott (Portsmouth) 22, Shane Brewer (Hook & NB) 22, Mark Teale (Hartley Wintney) 22, Tony Richman (Paultons) 21, **Wicketkeeping:** Josh Hill (New Milton) 21, Richard Norris (Hartley Wintney) 21, Rob O'Brien (Paultons) 20, Mark Whyte (Paultons) 19.

DIVISION 3

Batting: George Marshall (US) 836, David Banks (Sarisbury Athletic) 559, Brent Jarvis-Spinks (Fareham & Crofton) 559, Peter Hammond (Sarisbury Athletic) 536, Archie Norris (Sarisbury Athletic) 508, Mickey Butler (Titchborne Park) 502, Kevin Light (Fareham & Crofton) 466, Mark Thorne (Fair Oak) 452.

Bowling: David Banks (Sarisbury Athletic) 27, Dan Goldstraw (Totton & Eling II) 27, Tom Allam (Titchborne Park) 27, James Ingram (Sarisbury Athletic) 26, Mickey Butler (Titchborne Park) 26, Kevin Light (Fareham & Crofton) 25, Jamie Donaldson (Trojans) 24.

Wicketkeeping: Chris Gates (Bashley Rydal II) 23, Kane Burgess (Titchborne Park) 22, Darren Vann (Calmore Sports) 21, Stuart Martin (Fair Oak) 20.

King joins England Elite

HAMPSHIRE Academy teenage pace bowler all-rounder Matt King has been selected for the England Elite Player Performance Under-17 squad to play upcoming matches against Durham Academy and the Scottish National Academy, *writes Mike Vimpany.*

Winklebury-based King is spending the weekend at a training camp at Loughborough University

and on Tuesday travels with the England EPP squad for matches against Scotland in Glasgow.

King's England call-up put the icing on the cake for Hampshire Under-17s, who are through to their age group ECB County Cup final against either Durham or Shropshire at Kibworth, Leicestershire, on September 4.

King, pictured right, a regular in the county

junior age groups since he was 12, has taken 14 wickets for Hampshire YCs this summer.

"He has bowled with real pace and aggression, and we've regarded him as a player with genuine potential for some time now," enthused Tony Middleton, Hampshire's Academy director.

King is also no mean performer with the bat, scoring 26 key runs late on to secure

Hampshire's semi-final victory over Surrey YCs at Sunbury last weekend.

"Matt wasn't getting sufficient opportunities to bat for the Academy side in the Premier League, so has gone back to play for his Basingstoke & North Hants side on Saturdays," Middleton added.

He hasn't done badly either, with Basingstoke chasing Cove hard for the Thames Valley League title.



THRILLING CLIMAX TO FIGHT FOR HONOURS

SOUTHERN Electric Premier League Division 3 cricket is gearing itself up for a nail-biting finale – at both ends of the table.

There's a three-club scrap for the title and a head-to-head looming at the bottom as to who goes down with Bashley (Rydal) II.

Just seven points separated Titchborne Park, Old Tauntonians & Romsey and Sarisbury Athletic going into today's penultimate round of matches.

Titchborne snatched the leadership in dramatic fashion with a one-wicket win at Liphook & Ripsley last week, but have a tough finish against Calmore Sports (today) and at United Services next week.

OTs & Romsey, beaten by South Wilts II just when they needed to press on, entertained Easton & Martyr Worthy this afternoon and face a tricky visit to Fair Oak next week.

And what if Sarisbury Athletic don't make the cut?

With half their side having very recent Premier Division experience, they were firm silverware favourites.

But a totally unexpected setback – a five-wicket defeat by lowly Hursley Park – left them seven points adrift of OTs & Romsey going into today's visit to Trojans.

Sarisbury will expect to win their last match against Totton & Eling (minus Dan Goldstraw) but, like their two promotion rivals, will need to!

Bashley (Rydal) have experienced their poorest season for many years and losing their 2nd XI to the Hampshire League will leave an even wider gulf between their two senior most sides.



SEPL 3 – HOW THEY STAND

	P	W	L	D	B	PP	Av
Titchborne Park	12	9	3	104	212	17.67	
OTs & Romsey	13	10	3	106	226	17.38	
Sarisbury Athletic	13	10	3	102	222	17.08	
Liphook & Ripsley	12	8	5	93	189	15.75	
United Services	14	10	4	99	219	15.64	
Fair Oak	13	8	5	102	198	15.23	
Sparsholt	13	8	5	87	183	14.08	
Havant II	13	7	6	93	177	13.62	
South Wilts II	13	7	6	86	170	13.08	
Fawley	12	5	7	93	153	12.75	
Trojans	12	6	6	78	150	12.50	
Calmore Sports	13	6	7	87	159	12.23	
Easton & MW	12	5	7	92	142	11.83	
Hursley Park	12	4	8	83	131	10.92	
Totton & Eling II	13	4	9	93	136	10.46	
F'ham & Crofton	14	3	11	97	133	9.50	
St Cross Syms II	13	3	10	78	114	8.77	
Bashley Rydal II	13	2	11	70	94	7.23	

* Spts deducted for fielding ineligible player

LEW BEAUTY! Sparsholt's Lewis Dunford, right, was named Southern Electric Division 3 Cricketer of the Month after scoring 200 runs – without being dismissed! Two of his knocks were match winners which pulled Sparsholt out of relegation trouble.

It's a little surprising Bashley haven't dropped first team players down but, to their credit, they've stuck to the policy of allowing the 2nd XI to find their own level.

Bashley have stacks of aspiring young players on their books and it may well be beneficial for them to rebuild in a less strong County Division I environment.

But they won't find it easy ...

Going into today's fixtures, ten points separated Fareham & Crofton from St Cross Symondians II on the second relegation rung.

Unless either of them wins today – Fareham over Fair Oak and St Cross against United Services – next Saturday's basement duel at Bath Lane will be a do-or-die affair.

Memories of the "Last Goodbye" heavyweight scrap between Bruno

and Bugner at White Hart Lane in October 1978!

Fareham have lost eight of their last nine matches, while St Cross launched a mini-revival by beating Fawley and Liphook & Ripsley before losing out to Calmore Sports in a 500-run fest at Loperwood Park last week.

At top and bottom, it's a nail-biting finale ...

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Local Cricket Spotlight

TOP TWO ON TITLE COLLISION COURSE

GOSPORT Borough were hoping to extend their eight-point lead over Locks Heath in today's penultimate round of Hampshire League fixtures – and create a cushion for next Saturday's probable County Division 1 title decider at Privett Park.

Unless the formbook was turned upside down this afternoon, the pair will go head-to-head for the championship in seven days' time, **writes MIKE VIMPANY.**

Gosport were at unpredictable Purbrook, with Locks Heath hosting already relegated Cadnam at Warsash Road.

Locks Heath's title prospects took a massive leap with a 34-run win over Waterlooville, who missed promotion by a whisker last season and could do so again.

Put in to bat in damp Rowlands Avenue conditions, Locks Heath slipped to 80-4 before a 75-run rally between Matt Bashford (42) and Jon Richardson (39) pointed the visitors to an eventual 205-9 (John Hudson 4-32).

Waterlooville's reply stuttered and spluttered, with Max Goddard (53) the only batsmen to make his mark as Bashford (3-19), Sam Read (2-18), Dave Lemon (2-20) and Dave Bennett (2-34) called the tune with the ball.

Dismissed for 171, Ville dropped to third spot in the log, effectively 11 points behind Gosport and three adrift of Locks Heath going into today's programme.

Gosport made short work of Ryde, beating the Islanders by 118 runs at Privett Park.

Once again, Australian import Leeland Zeller led the way, his unbeaten 84 taking his season's run tally to 652, second overall to Langley Manor skipper Graham Noble (697).

The Queenslander profited from a sound launch pad by Craig Stares (60) and Mike Rees (40) and smashed three sixes and nine fours in his innings.

Only Nick Drysdale (40) and Toby Jackson (37) put up much resistance for Ryde, who lurched to 162 all out, with Zeller and Mark Oxford (3-37)



TITLE PUSH: Gosport Borough.

sharing six of the wickets.

Langley Manor can't afford to drop a single point if they are to have an impact on the title race – they hosted Portsmouth & Southsea today and finish at Shrewton – but beat Alton II at a canter.

The Brewers were bundled out for 90 (Jon Dow 24) and comfortably beaten by six wickets – Stevie Harris (30) taking his aggregate to 512 runs for the season.

Compton & Chandler's Ford are the team you least want to meet if you are in the top five.

Despite battling relegation all summer, three of their five wins have come against the leading lights.

First it was Waterlooville, then Langley Manor. Now fifth-placed Midhurst

Eighteen-year old New Zealander Nathan Williamson, who hit 131 against the Ville earlier this season, cracked an unbeaten 151, including three sixes and 18 fours, as Compton beat the West Sussex club by 84-runs.

CCF reached 75-3 (Pradhan 29) but really blossomed when the Kiwi was joined by Hampshire Under-15s prospect Matt Haworth, who made a

credible 67 in a 141-run fourth-wicket stand.

Midhurst's bowlers came under fire in the closing ten overs – Williamson lashing fours and sixes at will as the visitors reached 299-6.

Tight bowling by Adam Brown and skipper Alex Spearing pegged Midhurst to 40-2 off the initial 15 overs and ensured they didn't get the start they wanted.

Midhurst eventually reached 215-9 – the 23 points Compton gleaned lifting the side into fifth from bottom place and, barring an accident, out of relegation trouble.

Compton's victory probably ended Shrewton's immediate County 1 future – a sixth straight win by Bedhampton nailing the Wiltshire club firmly in the relegation mire.

Shrewton fell apart after a promising start by Sam Gillott (43) and Stuart Cruse (23) – Steve Gardner (4-24) and James Young (3-26) doing the damage as they sank to 160 all out.

Bedhampton,

seemingly relegation certainties after six straight defeats, swept to a sixth successive win with Dan Clark (47), Martin Hovey (46) and Gardner (33) at the helm.

The alarm bells are ringing too in the bottom three after a five-wicket defeat by Idlers, and Lymington hovering just above them.

Mark Clement (2-9) and Nick Lawrence (2-19) applied a vice-like grip on proceedings at Leckford, where Idlers hope to set up camp on a permanent basis.

Only Peter Doust (59) showed real patience as Ellingham were dismissed for 164.

One-time Hants Under-17 starlet Jason Gilbey (37) fired Idlers' reply and George Shepherd, with a fine 65 not out, finished it off.

Portchester's tea ladies barely had time to make – let alone cut – the sandwiches at Cams Hill, where Lymington II were skittled for 49 – the lowest CDI total of the summer – and thumped by nine wickets.

Charlie Coward (5-5) and Paul Hungerford (3-10) ran amok on the damp surface before Richard Locke's 36 not out got Portchester home in 10.4 overs.

Peter Symonds College student Robbie Hadfield, pictured below, cracked an unbeaten 102 as Andover II's chased down Portsmouth & Southsea's 234 to win by six wickets.

He had made 97 the previous week. P & S built their total around Matt Smith (86) and Matt Benfield (56), but there was no stopping Hadfield, who has told his parents he won't cut his hair all the time he is in good nick!

Purbrook pair Jamie Mitchell and Sean Figgins came close to emulating Hadfield's treble figure feat but ran out of time at Cadnam.

Teenager Matt Hardy's 11-boundary 89 underpinned Cadnam's 228-9 – Paul Kerley (30) and the promising Luke Evans (36) gave support – but there was no stopping Purbrook after that.

Mitchell (94) and Figgins (90) blistered the tiny Lambs Corner boundaries after tea as Purbrook raced home with seven overs to spare.



HAMPSHIRE CRICKET LEAGUE STANDINGS

County Division 1	P	W	L	BTBWL	Ttl	Ave
Gosport Borough	13	11	2	73	60	20.38
Locks Heath	13	11	2	66	59	19.77
+Waterlooville	12	9	2	66	54	19.50
Langley Manor	13	10	3	74	59	19.46
Midhurst	12	8	4	64	52	17.67
Alton II	13	8	5	60	51	15.92
+Andover II	12	5	5	56	42	14.17
Bedhampton	12	5	6	47	43	16.2
-Idlers	12	5	6	49	45	16.0
Purbrook	14	6	8	61	42	17.5
Portsmouth & S'sea	14	5	9	61	53	17.4
+Portchester	11	3	7	44	47	13.09
Ryde	13	5	8	52	45	15.7
Compton & C Ford	13	5	8	54	42	15.6
+Lymington II	13	4	8	60	41	15.12
Ellingham	12	4	8	46	41	13.25
*Shrewton	12	3	9	53	39	11.8
Cadnam	12	2	10	44	35	10.3
+tied match *10 pts deducted						

County Division 2	P	W	L	BTBWL	Ttl	Ave
Hook & N Basics II	12	9	3	78	51	23.7
Rowledge II	12	9	3	71	51	23.0
St Cross Syms III	13	10	3	77	49	24.6
Soton Community	13	9	4	71	55	23.4
Ventnor II	14	10	4	84	46	25.0
Hungerford	13	8	5	81	54	23.1
Bramshaw	13	7	6	79	44	20.7
East Tytherley	13	7	6	70	46	20.0
+Burrill II	13	6	6	68	49	19.5
New Milton II	13	6	7	68	49	19.5
Mudford	13	6	7	59	48	17.7
*Portsmouth II	13	6	7	63	50	17.5
Otterbourne	13	5	8	61	52	17.3
*Old Basing	13	5	8	74	45	16.9
Salisbury Athletic II	13	4	9	79	39	16.6
Hursley Park II	13	3	10	73	47	15.6
Flamingo	12	3	9	53	35	12.4
+Hythe & Dibden	13	2	10	49	41	12.0
+tied match *10 pts deducted						

County Division 3	P	W	L	BTBWL	Ttl	Ave
Rowner	12	11	1	69	53	25.4
Ropley	11	9	2	66	50	22.4
Hayling Island	12	10	2	68	55	24.3
Wellow & Plaitford	12	10	2	65	58	24.3
Longparish	13	9	4	79	53	24.0
Liphook & Ripsley II	13	9	4	73	55	23.6
Highfield	10	5	5	56	37	15.3
OT's & Romsey II	12	5	7	68	47	17.5
Hartley Wintney II	11	5	6	51	45	15.6
Winterslow	12	5	7	64	44	16.8
United Services II	13	6	7	58	46	17.6
Pylewell II	13	6	7	51	50	17.3
South Wilts III	13	5	8	58	42	16.0
Purbrook II	11	4	7	52	30	11.8
GE Hamble	12	4	8	47	41	13.6
Steep	10	2	8	36	11	11.2
Rotherwick ITW	13	2	11	63	34	12.1
East Woodhay	13	1	12	50	34	9.6

County Division 4 North	P	W	L	BTBWL	Ttl	Ave
Holybourne	12	11	1	63	57	25.2
Denplan Mansbridge	11	9	2	61	46	21.5
Basingstoke & NH III	13	9	4	78	50	23.6
Midhurst II	13	8	5	70	50	21.6
Alton III	13	8	5	65	47	20.8
Michelmersham & T	13	7	6	63	57	20.4
South Newton	12	7	5	50	46	18.0
Littleton & West Hill	13	7	6	56	52	19.7
Oakley	13	6	7	65	46	18.3
Sparsholt II	12	5	7	63	41	16.8
+AWE Tadley	12	5	6	48	48	16.2
Andover III	13	6	7	55	48	17.5
Whitchurch	13	6	7	54	48	17.4
Amport	12	5	7	54	44	15.8
Overton	13	5	8	57	47	16.4
Burghclere	13	3	10	64	45	14.5
+Ramsdell	12	2	9	46	29	10.7
Kingsclere	13	3	10	39	41	11.6
+tied match						

County Division 4 South						
	P	W	L	BTBWL	Ttl	Ave
+Paultons II	12	10	1	69	53	24.8
Bramshaw II	11	9	2	67	50	22.5
Fair Oak II	14	12	2	72	63	27.9
+Bransgore	13	10	2	75	57	25.8
Calmore Sports II	12	9	3	52	46	20.6
Hambledon II	12	8	4	57	42	19.5
Redlynch & Hale	13	8	5	55	56	20.7
VTCC	13	7	6	60	55	19.9
Portsmouth & S'sea II	13	6	7	66	47	18.5
Bishops Waltham	13	6	7	69	43	18.4
Gosport Borough II	13	5	8	62	45	16.7
Locks Heath II	13	5	8	54	48	16.2
Woodgreen	12	5	7	48	39	14.7
Fareham & Crofton II	13	4	9	50	53	15.1
Ermsworth	12	4	8	54	36	13.8
Bashley (Rydal) III	12	3	9	47	42	12.5
West Moors	12	1	11	37	33	8.2
Hursley Park III	13	0	13	53	33	8.6
+tied match						

● Tables do not include today's games.



LASHINGS DUTY: Australia's Ian Harvey.

Youssuf heads star-studded Newclose line up

FORMER Pakistan Test cricketer Mohammad Youssuf will be playing on the Isle of Wight on Sunday as a star-studded Lashings team take on Ventnor at Newclose, 2.30.

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Mohammad has a magnificent Test average of 52.29 and has scored 24 Test match centuries, including a highest score of 223.

Former England all-rounder Philip DeFreitas captains the Lashings side which also includes ex-West Indies Test captain Jimmy Adams, Zimbabwean Henry Olonga, and Australia ODI star Ian Harvey.

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If you are stuck for something to do in the summer holidays, why not come and experience our free family entertainment? You can also find out everything you ever wanted to know about epilepsy.

An Epilepsy Action double-decker information bus will visit the following areas between 11.00am until 3.00pm:

Area	Date	Location
Weymouth	Monday 22 August	St Mary's Street, Weymouth
Bournemouth	Tuesday 23 August	The Square, Bournemouth
Winchester	Wednesday 24 August	River Park Leisure Centre, 13 Gordon Road, Winchester
Salisbury	Thursday 25 August	Queen Elizabeth Gardens, Salisbury
Poole	Friday 26 August	Hamworthy Park, Lulworth Avenue, Hamworthy, Poole
Southampton	Saturday 27 August	Guildhall Square, Southampton

While you have a free coffee with your local Epilepsy Action Branch members, children can get involved with:

- Face painting
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- Decorating gingerbread men
- Giant games

In addition, an **African drumming workshop** will run between 12.00 noon and 2.00pm at the Bournemouth, Winchester, Salisbury, Poole and Southampton events.

Epilepsy Action would like to thank the Winchester Fund, South Winchester Golf Club, and Salisbury Council for funding the roadshow events.

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Many stories exist of the surprised delight that these

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Experiences like this are quite commonplace and this Roadshow will no doubt see similar happy events. So search through those lofts and cupboards and bring your hidden treasures to the Roadshow where Kensington's specialist valuers will be ready to give you an appraisal free of charge. No appointment is necessary.

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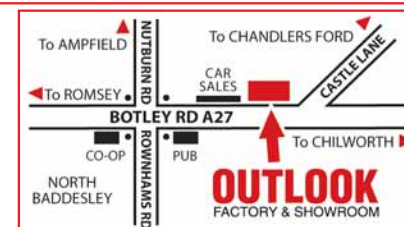
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A. Villa	3	Blackburn	1
Agbonlahor 12		Pedersen 31	
Heskey 25		HT 2-0	
Bent 67		Att 32,319	
Chelsea	L	W.B.A.	L
HT L-L			
Everton	0	Q.P.R.	1
HT 0-1		Smith 31	
Sunderland	0	Newcastle	1
HT 0-0		R Taylor 62	
Swansea	0	Wigan	0
HT 0-0		Att 19,028	

	HOME						AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
M K Dons	4	1	1	0	8	2	4	0	0	0	3	10	10
Charlton	4	2	0	0	5	2	1	4	2	0	3	10	10
Sheff Wed	4	2	0	0	7	0	1	1	0	3	3	1	7
Brentford	4	2	0	0	7	0	1	1	0	1	2	3	9
Preston	4	1	0	1	3	4	1	1	0	3	3	1	7
Sheff Albion	4	1	1	0	1	2	3	1	1	0	3	3	7
Tranmere	4	1	1	0	2	1	1	1	0	1	3	7	7
Carlisle	4	1	1	0	2	4	1	1	2	0	2	0	7
Notts Cnty	4	1	0	1	4	4	1	0	1	4	2	6	6
Sheff Albion	4	1	0	1	2	3	1	1	0	2	2	6	6
Huddersld	4	1	1	0	4	3	0	2	0	2	2	6	6
Sheff Wed	4	2	0	0	4	1	0	0	2	1	4	6	6
Oldham	4	1	0	1	2	2	1	1	0	3	4	6	6
Walsall	4	1	0	1	2	2	1	1	0	3	4	6	6
Wycmba	4	0	1	1	1	3	1	1	0	4	4	5	5
Hartlepool	4	0	2	0	1	1	0	2	0	4	4	4	4
Colchester	4	0	1	1	1	3	1	1	0	1	6	5	5
Sheff Albion	4	0	1	1	1	3	1	1	0	1	6	5	5
Scunthorpe	4	0	1	1	2	3	0	2	0	3	3	3	3
CHERRIES	4	1	0	1	3	3	0	0	2	1	5	5	5
Rochdale	4	0	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	1	4	3	3
Sheff Albion	4	0	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	1	4	3	3
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Leyton O	4	0	0	2	1	4	0	0	2	2	7	6	6

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Wimbledon	1	Hereford	1
Midson 25		Facey 8	
HT 1-1		Att 4,239	
Bradford	0	Dagenham	1
HT 0-1		Nurse 27	
Gillingham	3	Plymouth	0
Kedwell 74 pen, 90 pen		HT 0-0	
Rooney 86		Att 5,053	
Macclesfield	0	Bristol R	0
HT 0-0		Att 1,865	
Morecambe	2	Aldershot	0
Ellison 8		HT 1-0	
Alessandra 79		Att 1,833	
Northampton	2	Cheltenham	3
Duffy 12 pen, 68		Att 1,114	
Akinfenwa 51		Low 80	
HT 1-1		Att 4,114	
Port Vale	4	Accrington	1
Rigg 19, 43		Murphy 81	
Roberts 23		Att 4,615	
Rotherham	2	Barnet	2
Brown 49		Kandjo 36	
Le Fondre 82		McLeod 63 pen	
HT 0-1		Att 3,546	
Shrewsbury	2	Crewe	0
McAllister 23		HT 0-0	
Wroe 30		Att 5,050	
Sunderland	0	Burton Albion	1
Zola 30		Att 4,794	
Torquay	1	Crawley	3
Mansell 50		Davies 4	
HT 0-2		Wassmer 44, Simpson 46	

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P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A				
Crawley	4	1	1	0	3	2	2	0	1	1	0	4	1	1	0	3	2				
Rotherham	4	1	0	0	3	4	2	0	0	6	2	0	0	0	6	2	0				
Gillingham	4	2	0	0	0	4	0	1	1	0	5	4	1	3	1	0	0				
Morecambe	4	1	0	0	2	1	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0				
Grimsby	4	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Port Vale	4	1	1	0	6	3	1	1	0	4	2	0	0	0	4	2	0				
Wimbledon	4	0	1	1	0	3	4	2	0	1	0	4	0	0	4	0	0				
Bristol R	4	0	0	1	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	3	2				
Doncaster	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Burton Albion	4	0	2	0	2	2	1	0	1	0	3	2	0	0	3	2	0				
Cheltenham	4	1	0	1	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	3	3	0	0	3	0				
Sheff Wed	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Shrewsbury	4	1	1	0	3	3	1	0	1	1	1	3	3	0	1	3	0				
Barnet	4	0	1	1	1	3	5	1	0	1	0	3	2	0	0	3	2				
Macclesfield	4	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	4	2	0	0	4	2				
Cardiff Utd	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Northampton	4	0	1	1	2	3	1	0	1	0	1	2	2	0	0	2	2				
Accr Stanley	4	1	0	0	1	2	2	0	0	1	1	1	4	0	0	1	4				
Swindon	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Exeter City	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Bradford	4	0	0	0	2	1	3	0	1	1	1	2	3	0	1	2	3				
Plymouth	4	0	0	0	2	1	6	0	0	1	1	1	4	1	1	4	1				
Walsley	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Crewe	4	0	0	0	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	5	0				

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Aberdeen	2	Inverness CT	1
Milson 12		Foran 79	
Vernon 27		Att 7,989	
HT 2-0			
Dundee Utd	0	Dunfermline	1
Burns 85		Att 6,527	
HT 0-0			
Hibernian	1	St Mirren	2
O'Connor 25		Thompson 42	
HT 1-2		Thomson 45	

	HOME					AWAY							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Motherwell	4	2	0	0	4	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0
Celtic	3	1	0	0	5	1	2	0	0	3	0	0	10
Dunfmlrne	4	0	2	0	3	3	2	0	0	2	0	0	0
St Mirren	5	1	0	1	1	1	1	2	0	3	2	0	8
Rangers	3	0	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	1	5
Kilmarnock	3	1	1	0	4	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	7
Dundee Utd	5	0	1	1	2	3	1	0	1	2	5	0	5
Partick	4	1	0	1	2	3	0	0	1	1	1	1	4
Aberdeen	4	5	1	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	4	0	13
Hibernian	4	0	0	2	1	4	1	0	1	2	4	0	3
St Johnstn	3	0	0	2	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Inverness CT	5	0	0	2	0	3	0	1	2	4	0	1	1